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Survey: LP members support military action against bin Laden's terrorists

Online survey shows substantial level of support for attacks on Afghanistan

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

Libertarian Party members and supporters believe the U.S. government "has an obligation to bring the terrorists who are responsible for the September 11 attacks to justice," and strongly support military strikes against Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network, according to a new survey.

However, a strong majority agree that Congress should formally declare war before attacking any other nation, and most agree that a non-interventionist foreign policy is still the best defense against the threat of terrorism.

And Libertarians retain their traditional wariness about infringements on civil liberties, with an overwhelming majority opposing all or most of the search and surveillance provisions contained in proposed "anti-terrorist" legislation.

These are some of the results from an online poll of Libertarian Party members and subscribers to the party's "LP.announce" e-mail list, taken October 9-12.

More than 5,000 people participated in the unscientific poll, with 83.8% of them identifying themselves as Libertarian Party members or LP News subscribers. Another 11.3% said they were not LP members, and 4.8% did not furnish any specific partisan affiliation.

First major poll

It was the first major poll of LP members taken since September 11, when terrorists commandeered four airliners and crashed three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than 5,000 Americans were killed in the attacks, which have been linked to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qa'eda terrorist network.

In retaliation, the United States began a bomb and missile

assault on suspected terrorist facilities in Afghanistan on October 7. The U.S. also bombarded Afghanistan's Taliban government, which has been accused of safeguarding and supporting bin Laden.

Despite Libertarians' longstanding aversion to foreign military intervention, 94.8% of survey respondents said they agree the U.S. government "has an obligation to bring the terrorists who are respon-

sible for the September 11 attacks to justice."

Of that number, 84.0% strongly agree, and 10.8% somewhat agree. Only 2.7% somewhat or strongly disagree, while 2.5% didn't answer or were undecided.

Initiation of force

LP National Director Steve Dasbach said the results seem to indicate that Libertarians see the Sep-

tember 11 terrorist attacks as an "initiation of force" against the United States.

"Libertarians believe that individuals and nations do not have the right to initiate force against others, but they tend to agree that the use of force for self-defense — against rogue nations, criminals, or terrorists — is appropriate," he said.

"These poll results seem to in-

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 9-12 POLL

- 94.8%** Think the U.S. government should bring terrorists "to justice"
- 73.7%** Support U.S. bomb and missile strikes at Osama bin Laden
- 68.8%** Say Congress should declare war before attacking any nation
- 78.6%** Think non-interventionism would reduce chance of terrorism
- 90.3%** Oppose any national ID card proposal to fight terrorists



LP member killed in WTC terrorist attack

The Libertarian Party of New York has created a special award in memory of an LP member who died as a "true hero" during the terrorist attacks on September 11.

The first "John Perry Community Service Award" will be given out at the state party's next convention in April 2002, New York LP State Chair Richard Cooper has announced.

The award is named after John W. Perry, 38, a Libertarian Party member and New York City police

officer who was among the approximately 5,000 people trapped by the collapse of the twin World Trade Center towers.

"As a libertarian and a police officer, [John] was dedicated to defending everyone's right to life, liberty, and property," said Cooper. "[He was] a true hero. He was a great Libertarian."

According to police sources, Perry was at police headquarters in lower Manhattan on September 11 to file his retirement papers. He was

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■ **John Perry:** "[He was] a true hero. He was a great Libertarian," said New York LP State Chair Richard Cooper.

LNC backs 'measured' anti-terrorist response

The Libertarian National Committee has passed a resolution endorsing military action against the terrorists responsible for the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The statement, which was discussed at a special LNC meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on October 14, 2001, passed unanimously (with one abstention).

The statement read:

On Sunday, October 7, the United States launched military action against Osama bin Laden, the

terrorist believed to be responsible for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The U.S. military also struck military bases controlled by the Taliban regime of Afghanistan, which has sheltered and reportedly assisted bin Laden.

While the Libertarian Party has been a consistent voice against reckless foreign interventionism by the U.S. government, we support action against the perpetrators responsible for the terrorist attacks.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Walk for Capitalism' scheduled

On December 2, Libertarians and other advocates of free markets have been invited to "Walk for Capitalism" to show their public support for free enterprise.

Sponsored by the PRODOS Society in Australia, the Walk is expected to include participants from around the world.

Kendra Okonski, the regional coordinator for the Walk for Capitalism in Washington, DC, said the event is an opportunity to showcase the strength of capitalism's supporters.

"In recent years, a coalition of groups have been fairly successful in provoking an anti-capitalist mentality," she said. "But we believe that just as many people support capitalism and want to make their voices heard."

The goal of the project, said Okonski, is to have at least 100 cities participate. Cities that presently have a "Walk for Capitalism" coordinator include Oslo, Norway; Moscow, Russia; Munich, Germany; Delhi, India; Copenhagen, Denmark; Seoul, Korea; Valencia, Spain; and Bucharest, Romania.

"Supporters of capitalism live all around the world," said Okonski. "Even in non-capitalist societies, many people realize that capitalism is the only just economic system."

For more information, visit: walkforcapitalism.org.

Maynard wins NH city council primary

Libertarian candidate for Keene city council in New Hampshire has won his primary election — earning the right to run in the general election in November.

James Maynard received 210 of 814 votes cast in the primary on October 2. He was the seventh-highest vote getter, placing him solidly among the top 10 finishers who will compete for five at-large seats.

"I am pleased with the result," said Maynard. "It is quite an accomplishment as an active, well-known Libertarian in a largely liberal community."

Maynard, 33, said he will probably need about 40% of the vote — or an estimated 1,800 votes — to win the non-partisan election. However, he said that goal is within reach.

"I feel we are well on track to winning this race," he said. "[But] it will take more outreach, and smarter advertising."

With a theme of "Small Government Solutions," the campaign is focused on three issues: Implementing roundabouts instead of a \$75 million bypass highway, opposing a taxpayer-subsidized baseball stadium, and ending the city's parking meter system.

For more information, or to make a contribution, visit: jmaynard.org. Or call: (603) 357-8881.

Pennsylvania LP county chair resigns

An LP county chair in Pennsylvania resigned his post on September 14 after he drew criticism for printing a racial epithet on his campaign flyers.

The flyers, distributed by Centre County Chair Julian Hecklen on the Penn State University campus at State College, bore the title: "PSU student as Nigger."

Hecklen said he had hoped to win student support by pointing out that young voters were "unfairly" underrepresented on juries, much like blacks were prior to the 1960s.

However, LP State Chair Lois Kaneshiki said she could not think of a more "emotionally charged and pejorative term."

"The Libertarian Party does not believe in or support the demeaning of any racial or ethnic group for any purpose," she said. "In my opinion, such tactics are not only unnecessary, but counterproductive to the conduct of a political organization."

Hecklen, who is white, is a retired PSU professor. He is running for Centre County jury commissioner, and distributed approximately 300 of the controversial flyers when students returned to campus in early September.

The flyers spawned an angry backlash from students and faculty members, and two local LP candidates ended their bids for inspector of elections in protest.

Hecklen was a "talented LP activist," said Kaneshiki, but the language he used in this case crossed the line of good taste.

"We can make contributions to our communities and build a party without resorting to headline-grabbing tactics," she said.



■ James Maynard: 7th place.

Special award created in memory of LP member killed by terrorists

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planning to leave the police force to join a law firm.

When notice of the catastrophe at the World Trade Center came in on the police radio, Perry immediately left to help rescue citizens from the burning buildings.

He was last seen on the Mezzanine of the South Tower, shortly before it collapsed.

"The building was dark, and John and [a police] captain were leading people out by having them follow the sound of their voices," said Blay Tarnoff, a former New York LP State Chair.

"When the building began to collapse, the captain warned John to evacuate, but John insisted on staying as long as there were people still inside. The captain barely got out in time and saw John disappear into the dust as the building fell."

Perry has not been heard from since.

Not surprised

"I was appalled when I heard the news," said Cooper. "I'm not surprised that he went over to help out immediately, though — he was just that kind of person."

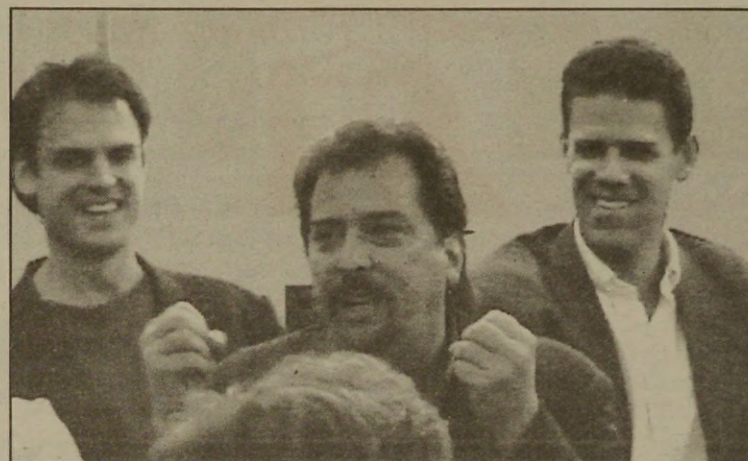
That sentiment was echoed by others who knew him.

"John would run into a burning building to help others," said New York LP activist Christopher B. Garvey.

Three weeks after his death, a "Celebration of Life" service was held for Perry in New York City, and attracted about 100 people.

"Libertarians and Greens, Republican and Democrat district leaders, police officers and civil libertarians, dyed-in-the-wool conservatives and brown-rice leftists, all came together in loving memory of this man," said Tarnoff.

"People spoke of his dedication as a police officer, his constant challenges to his friends to think philosophically, his involvement with political causes, his dedication to



■ John Perry (right) at a New York Libertarian Party event in 2000. "He had a combination of intelligence, style, courage, and compassion that is rarely equaled," said former State Chair Blay Tarnoff.

the ACLU, his admonitions to question authority, and his willingness to help friends. Everyone who attended was stunned at the diversity of the circles in which he interacted."

Perry, who worked in the 40th precinct in the Bronx, had joined the Libertarian Party in June.

A frequent participant at Libertarian functions for 10 years, Perry also had a law degree, was a member of the Nassau County Civil Liberties Union, was active in the Police Brutality Commission, and had volunteered for Norman Siegel's campaign for Public Advocate.

Interests

He also had a wide range of interests: He spoke two foreign languages (French and Spanish), enjoyed long-distance swimming and running, and appeared as an extra in the movies *Die Hard 3* and *Deconstructing Harry*.

Libertarians who met Perry had only words of praise for him.

"He had a combination of intelligence, manner, style, courage, and compassion that is rarely equaled," said Tarnoff. "His departure is a great loss to the libertarian movement and to all of mankind. We are diminished by that loss

beyond what we could ever hope to know."

LP National Director Steve Dasbach expressed sorrow about Perry's death — and admiration for the man.

"Libertarians were shocked and saddened by the loss of life caused by the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC," he said. "Our sorrow is only compounded by the news that one of our own is among the dead."

"Of course, when we heard that John was missing, we all wished for a miracle, and hoped that he would emerge unharmed. But since that miracle does not seem to have happened, we will remember him as a genuine Libertarian hero — who risked his life to try to save the lives of his fellow New Yorkers."

Tribute to Heroes

Perry's tragic story was mentioned on the television special, *America: A Tribute to Heroes*, which aired on all the major networks on September 21.

Near the beginning of the two-hour telethon, which attracted 89 million viewers and raised \$150 million, actor George Clooney cited Perry as one of the "heroes" who gave his life to save others.

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Don't panic: 'Bill Clinton' becomes LP member

'Libertarians are the only ones I trust,' says The President (Damian Mason)

Bill Clinton has joined the Libertarian Party.

Well, sorta. It depends on what your definition of "Bill Clinton" is.

Damian Mason, a professional impersonator who has made a lucrative living over the past eight years performing as the former Rogue-in-Chief, has signed up as an LP member.

A small "L" libertarian for a number of years, Mason said he finally found a political home in the Libertarian Party.

"After working with both Republicans and Democrats, I've come to realize that Libertarians are the only ones that I trust to follow through with what they say," he said.

Sigh of relief

LP National Director Steve Dasbach welcomed Mason into the party — with a sigh of relief.

"We'd have a lot of explaining to do if the *real* Bill Clinton joined the party," he said. "However, we cheerfully welcome Mr. Mason, who has made a career of mocking the president who exemplified the worst excesses of big government, personal dishonesty, and phony I-feel-your-pain hucksterism.

"Frankly, you have to take your hat off to any performer who has made a career playing a character who has no character."

Mason — who performs under the stage name "The President" and earns \$7,500 per appearance — got his start when, dressed as Bill Clinton, he won a 1993 Halloween costume contest at a San Diego nightclub.

"I've always done impersonations to make people laugh, and it doesn't hurt that my voice is a little gravelly!" said Mason.

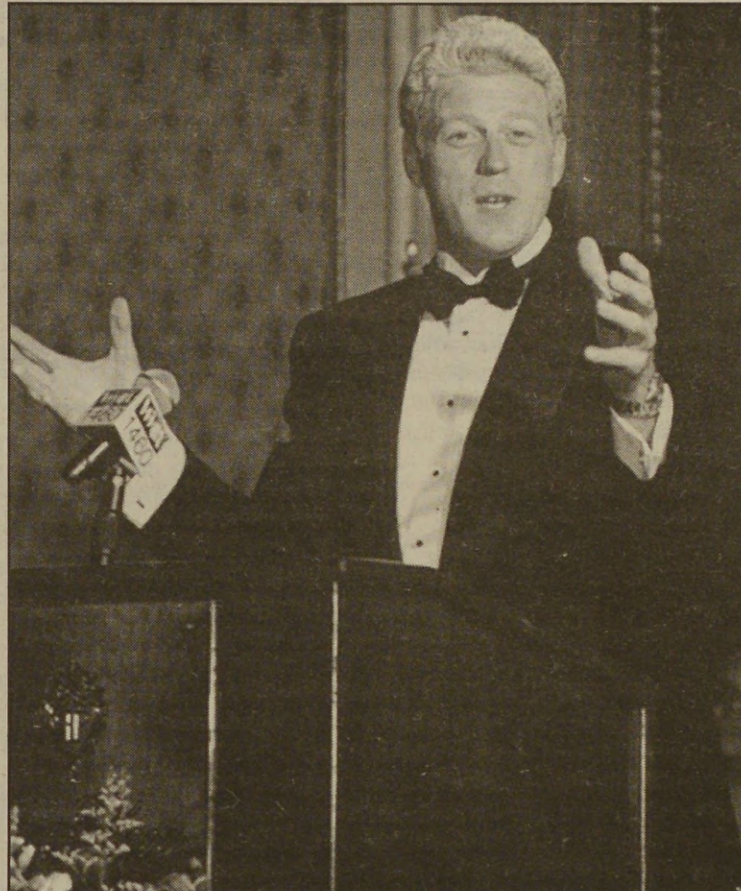
Mason's talent and non-partisan humor quickly won him fans — even among Libertarians.

The package

"Damian not only has Bill Clinton's face, he has his voice and his mannerisms down pat," said Indiana LP Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein.

"Most importantly, though, he has the sense of humor to complete the package."

Since his nightclub victory, the former sales representative has impersonated Clinton in 44 states and five foreign countries at business meetings, sales conferences, and other events for corporations including the Ford Motor Company,



■ Bill Clinton impersonator Damian Mason: Even though the former president is out of office, "much like Richard Nixon, the persona of Bill Clinton will have people laughing for years."

BankOne, Shell Oil, McDonalds, IBM, and General Mills.

He has also appeared on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, on the Delta Burke sitcom *Women of the*

House, and in several commercials.

In addition to hundreds of radio credits, Mason had a small part in the Jodie Foster movie *Contact*, and currently is awaiting the release

of 2001, *A Space Travesty*, in which he plays a dual role alongside Leslie Neilson.

The material for his "Bill Clinton" show comes from "more news programs than is probably healthy — and a skeptical view of politics," said Mason. "But, some of my best material still comes from taking [the Clinton character] outside of politics and setting him in real-life situations. It's a great way to spoof current events."

During his career, Mason has met Newt Gingrich, G. Gordon Liddy, and Sonny Bono — but has yet to meet the real Bill Clinton.

"When we do meet, I'd like to buy him a beer and thank him for all the material," he said. "I'm sure it couldn't be this much fun impersonating Bob Dole!"

Term-limited?

Now that Bill Clinton is out of office, will Mason be "term-limited" out of performing as the former president?

Not likely, he said.

"Much like Richard Nixon, the persona of Bill Clinton will have people laughing for years," he said.

A native of Huntington, Indiana — the hometown of former Vice President Dan Quayle — Mason is a graduate of Purdue University. He maintains homes in Scottsdale, Arizona and Indianapolis, but spends most of his time in "airports and hotels," he said.

Michigan Co. LP defeats historical district statute

A group of Michigan Libertarians have convinced voters to repeal a "statist" historic district ordinance — after a challenging campaign that required them to overcome "ridiculously difficult" signature requirements, freezing weather, and well-funded opponents.

About 70% of the voting residents of Owosso, a small town of about 15,500 located in mid-eastern Michigan, voted to repeal the measure in an August 24 special election.

Satisfying win

"This was such a satisfying win," said Mark Owen, chair of the Shiawassee County LP. "We had started the effort early in the year, and it started to die off early, but we held on — and eventually won."

The ordinance had required all home improvements within the new "Oliver Street Historic District and Environs" to be authorized by the Historic District Commission.

It also required homeowners to

meet certain town-mandated "historical standards," and provided for a 25% town government-funded subsidy for approved improvements.

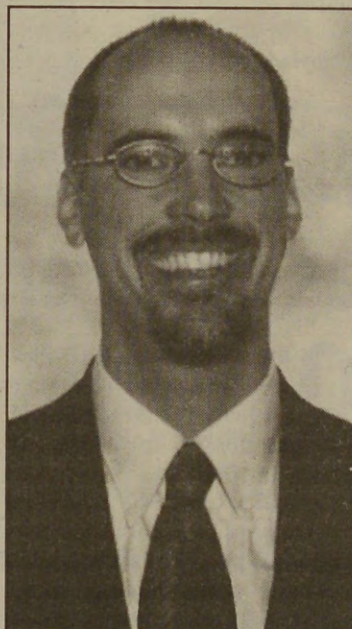
"Vinyl siding, vinyl windows, and many other improvements could be denied by a board of bureaucrats," said Owen, a 36-year-old computer analyst. "[The ordinance] was a clear violation of homeowners' property rights."

The city council of Owosso had passed the ordinance in December — and Libertarians almost immediately began to plan how to repeal it.

The first step was to gather the necessary number of signatures — about 1,562, or 15% of registered voters — to put the repeal initiative on a special ballot, said Owen.

Not only was it "ridiculously difficult" to gather so many signatures, he said, but the frigid Michigan winter made going door-to-door an unpleasant experience.

"It was January, and it was cold!" he said. "It was the wrong time of year to be beginning such



■ Mark Owen: "The best part is we actually did something to repeal a statist law. If we are willing to put in the effort, we can — and do — win!"

an effort. But we feared if we waited, the whole effort would lose steam and we would fail."

By the end of February, however, Owen said the weather had warmed considerably, and more volunteers joined the effort. In addition, the group changed tactics,

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New Jersey Libertarians win partisan registration

An appellate court decision has made New Jersey the latest state to allow voters to register as Libertarians.

On September 10, the New Jersey Appellate Court affirmed an earlier lower court decision requiring the State Board of Elections to permit voters to register as members of third parties.

The state Attorney General did not file an appeal to the state Supreme Court before the October 1 deadline, which means the ruling will stand as law.

The decision made the Garden State the 28th state (including Washington, DC) to allow Libertarian registration.

"This is a big win for us, and for New Jersey voters as well," said LP State Chair Emerson Ellett. "Since 1920, New Jersey has had only two political parties. The appellate court's ruling [will] open the windows a crack on fusty New Jersey politics."

The suit was originally filed in 1998 by the Council of Alternative

"IT WAS A BIG WIN for us," said State Chair Emerson Ellett. "It will open the windows on fusty New Jersey politics."

Political Parties (CAPP), a coalition that included the Libertarian Party, the Reform Party, the Green Party, the Natural Law Party, and the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

They sought to overturn New Jersey state law 19:1-1, which defined a "political party" as a party which polled at least 10% of the total votes cast for General Assembly. They also challenged state law

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POLITICAL NEWS

Bob Glass announces for Colorado governor

Tyranny Response Team founder and former *Politically Incorrect* guest Bob Glass has announced he wants to be the LP nominee for Colorado governor in 2002.

Glass filed his bid for office at the Secretary of State's office in Denver on September 27.

Glass, a former Longmont gun shop owner, joins Littleton businessman James Vance in the race for the nomination.

"We have a unique chance with the 2002 race for governor to bring the message of liberty to the people of Colorado," said Glass.

If he wins the nomination, Glass said his gubernatorial campaign would focus largely on three issues: Lowering taxes, decriminalizing drugs, and repealing gun laws.

"In light of the recent tragic events, now more than ever it is obvious how devastating the policies of state-enforced victim disarmament laws have been," he said.

Glass also publishes a pro-freedom magazine, *The Partisan*, and hosts a weekly radio show.

Founded in 2000 and organized in 16 states, the Tyranny Response Team and its members are committed to honoring the principles of the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, said Glass. He serves as the group's president and chairman.

For more information about the Glass campaign, visit: glassforgovernor.com. For more information about the Vance campaign, visit: jamesvance.org.



■ Bob Glass: Has "unique chance."

Michele Kubby drops out of California race

Medical marijuana activist Michele Kubby has unexpectedly dropped her bid for the lieutenant-gubernatorial nomination of the California Libertarian Party.

On October 3, Kubby sent out a press release from Vancouver, Canada, announcing her decision to drop out of the race.

Instead, Kubby said she would stay in Canada to help American medical marijuana patients who have immigrated to that northern nation, seeking refuge from "harsh" American drug laws. Her announcement came after the Canadian government largely legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes in July.

"People are arriving here in Canada every day, having fled the U.S. in terror, often with little more than [a] toothbrush," she said. "It's a terrible situation which requires immediate attention."

Kubby said she and her husband, Steve, plan to advise medical marijuana patients on how to establish legal residency in Canada.

Kubby's withdrawal from the race came less than three months after she entered her bid for the nomination, vowing to fix the "broken legal system" of California.



■ Michele Kubby: Stay in Canada.

Wright will run for California lt. governor

A former LP state chair has announced his bid for lieutenant governor of California in 2002, motivated by an unusual issue: Ferret legalization.

Pat Wright, 40, said there are thousands of owners of the small, furry pets in California who are eager to change the law.

"[Ferret owners] know the fear of having their homes violated and their pets confiscated and destroyed," he said. "They know that I am a genuine champion of their cause, and that I've paid my dues."

In 1993, Wright formed Ferrets Anonymous, an organization that lobbies for ferret legalization. He resigned as chair in 1998, after agents of the Department of Health and Human Services destroyed his pet ferret.

Although ferret rights are the center of his campaign, Wright said he intends to also discuss broader Libertarian philosophy.

"[My campaign] is an effort to show people that they need to join a party firmly based in the philosophy of letting people live their own life without fear, unless they transgress on others."

Wright served as the chair of the California LP, 1991-1993.



■ Pat Wright: "I've paid my dues."

National Committee begins to set metrics for strategic goals

At a special meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, the Libertarian National Committee assigned preliminary numeric targets to a number of its strategic goals, and instructed the national office to prepare a proposed budget for 2002 that will allow the party to begin to achieve those metrics.

At the meeting, held October 13-14, the LNC voted to strive to:

■ Increase the number of Libertarians in elected office to 500 by 2004.

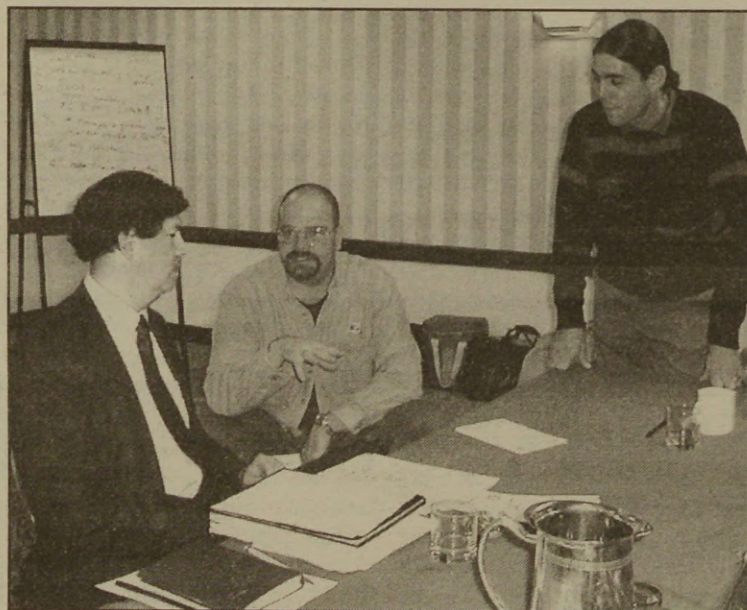
■ Achieve a "market share" of 3.5% of self-identified libertarian youth by 2002.

■ Increase the number of LP members to 50,000 by 2004, and generate \$5.5 million in national party revenues and recruit 5,000 Libertarian volunteers by that same year.

■ Develop a tracking system to ensure the LP remains the "Party of Principle."

The LNC also instructed the national office to develop a plan to collect information about "critical and core" activities from affiliates so it can help strengthen state parties, and to create an action plan to develop a "brand identity" for the party.

In addition, the LNC asked the national staff to propose interim metrics for 2002 and 2003, as the party begins to work towards achieving its 2004 numeric targets.



■ LP National Chair James W. Lark (left) talks to LNC Region 1 Representative Mark Nelson at the October 13-14 National Committee meeting in Atlanta, while LP Operations Director Nick Dunbar (right) looks on. At the meeting, the LNC began assigning numeric targets to various elements of the party's strategic plan.

The meeting was the latest step in the LNC's ongoing effort to develop and implement a strategic plan, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"With this meeting, the National Committee began the process of turning its general goals into concrete results," he said. "The committee is now starting to assign specific numeric metrics to its political objectives, and specify some

of the resources required to accomplish them.

"It will now be the job of the national staff to propose a budget that identifies the resources — money, staff, and anything else — the party needs to have available to achieve its goals."

The LNC instructed the office to provide the proposed 2002 budget to LNC members no later than

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Neal Boortz and Don Gorman set as speakers for 2002 convention

One "Alpha Male" radio host and two elected Libertarian "underdogs" have been confirmed as speakers for the 2002 LP national convention.

Atlanta talk show host Neal Boortz, former New Hampshire legislator Don Gorman, and Greenfield (Indiana) city councilman Phil Miller will speak to convention delegates in Indianapolis on July 3-7, said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

"The great speakers just keep rolling in," he said. "I'm proud that one of the most popular talk show hosts in America will address our convention, as well as two Libertarians who prove that underdog candidates can indeed win partisan elections."

Each of the newly confirmed speakers will likely provide a scathing indictment of status quo politics, said Dasbach.

Neal Boortz, the host of the #1

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rated talk show in Atlanta on WSB-AM and syndicated across the country, joined the LP in 1996 after becoming fed up with big-government Republican politicians.

Described as "Big Mouth #1" and "The Alpha Male" of talk radio, Boortz was named one of the "25 Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts in America" in the February

1995 issue of *Talkers Magazine*.

And in January 1995, *Georgia Trend* magazine listed him as one of the "100 Most Powerful & Influential People in Georgia."

"If Neal Boortz gives a speech as humorous and sincere as the one he gave at the 2000 national convention, our delegates are in for a real treat," said Dasbach. "Boortz may bill his show as 'America's rude awakening,' but his political opinions are always music to Libertarian ears."

N.H. legislature

Also in the Republican-turned-Libertarian category is Don Gorman, who served in the New Hampshire legislature in the 1970s as a Republican, before serving again as a Libertarian, 1992-1996.

Gorman was the recipient of the "Most Effective Elected Libertarian" award at the 1996 LP con-

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On September 15th, she spoke to over 25,000 people at this year's MassCann/NORML Freedom Rally on Boston Common.

On June 29th, she was on the O'Reilly Factor. Carla Howell has been featured in a PBS documentary on her Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign against Ted Kennedy. And on NBC's *Hiller Instinct*. NBC, ABC and CBS in Boston. PLUS New England Cable News, Fox, and Warner Bros. Network.

Talk Radio? David Brudnoy, Gene Burns, Howie Carr, Greg Hill, Blute and Ozone, Jay Severin, Larry Elder, and Neal Boortz.

Newspaper Coverage? *Boston Globe*, Front Page Sunday Edition. *MetroWest Daily News*, Front Page. *Boston Herald*, Front Page. *The Pittsfield Gazette*. *The Woburn Advocate*. *The Lowell Sun*. *Daily Times Chronicle*. *Worcester Telegram Gazette*. *The Patriot Ledger*. PLUS a complete interview by *Massachusetts News*.

Newspaper Columnists? Jeff Jacoby, Wayne Woodlief, Barbara Anderson, Eric Biss, Rick Cooper, Wendell Woodman, and others.

Gun Club Newsletters, Internet Publications, even a Swedish language interview in *NYLIBERALEN* Magazine.

Proven Campaigner

Carla Howell campaigned 15 Months Full-Time for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy.

She recruited & mobilized 726 campaign volunteers. She worked 15 hours a day campaigning, enrolling volunteers, managing petitioners, thanking supporters by phone, mail & email, and creating a computer database to make her campaign more efficient and to save thousands of dollars.

Over 11,500 Yard Signs. \$50,894 in Radio Ads. \$150,577 in Prime TV Ads on Boston CBS, NBC, and ABC.

Campaigns and Elections Magazine ranked her Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign the #1 Third Party campaign in America in 2000.

Harry Browne says: "Carla Howell is the Rising Star in the Libertarian Party."

Proven Performance

1998 Libertarian State Auditor Achievements:

- 102,198 Votes
- \$8,000 raised
- Won us Major Party Ballot status

2000 Libertarian Campaign for U.S. Senate Achievements:

- 308,860 Votes for U.S. Senate versus Ted Kennedy
- 40% Name Recognition
- 726 campaign volunteers
- 5,106 campaign donors
- \$150,577 in Prime TV Ads on Boston CBS, NBC, and ABC
- \$50,894 in Radio Ads
- Retained Major Party ballot status
- The Most Successful Libertarian U.S. Senate Campaign in Party History!



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Party Growth

In 1996, there were 3,065 registered Libertarian voters in Massachusetts. Today, almost 18,000.

In 1996, there were 2 Libertarian officeholders in Massachusetts. Today: 30.

Weak Massachusetts Republican Party

71% of Massachusetts Democratic officeholders are unopposed by Republican candidates.

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The *Boston Sunday Herald*, the state's biggest pro-Republican Newspaper, on July 9, 2001: "And for those who claim Republican conservatives have no other place to go, remember just two words: Carla Howell."

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TALKING POINTS

Banning death, textbook flaws, & farm subsidies for billionaires

■ Shut up, Bill

No president obsessed over his "legacy" as much as Bill Clinton did. He sometimes complained that he had no enormous national crisis to contend with, meaning that he didn't have a fair shot at attaining historic greatness.

"The first thing I had to start with was, you know, we don't have a war," he told the *New York Times* in 1997. "We don't have a depression, we don't have a Cold War." Poor guy. He never really had a chance.

It's no surprise, however, that he's in a funk now, as his successor is being lauded for his handling of a national catastrophe.

[The September 28 issue of the] *New York Times* describes Clinton as lamenting that such a thing didn't happen on his watch.

Richard L. Berke reports, "A close friend of Mr. Clinton put it this way: 'He has said there has to be a defining moment in a presidency that really makes a great president. He didn't have one.'"

More than 6,000 people die from terrorism, and Bill Clinton still thinks it's all about him.

— *NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE*
September 28, 2001

■ Protect our rights

Americans must rethink how to safeguard the country without bartering away the rights of the free society that we are defending.

The temptation will be great in the days ahead to write draconian new laws that give law enforcement agencies — or even military forces — a right to undermine the civil liberties that shape the character of the United States.

President Bush and Congress must carefully balance the need for heightened security with the need to protect the constitutional rights of Americans.

— *THE NEW YORK TIMES*
September 12, 2001

■ Death, solved

The French Riviera town of Le Lavandou has banned death. Anyone who doesn't have a reserved burial plot is now banned from dying within city limits.

— *REASON*, October 2001

■ Sunset provisions

In the wake of genuine concerns about the safety and security of law-abiding Americans, Attorney General John Ashcroft is urging Congress to trash the Constitution.

To be sure, the measures Mr.



Ashcroft will place before Congress are being promoted under the cover of counteracting terrorism and preventing future attacks against Americans or on American soil.

But the changes that would result from this proposed legislation would allow authorities access to the most private, intimate details of citizens and noncitizens alike, and subject untold Americans to unlawful searches, seizures and other harassment by government officials.

Any action Congress takes in this time of heightened tensions should be narrowly tailored — with comprehensive sunset provisions to ensure that when the immediate emergency has ended, any potential for government abuses will be reduced.

To do anything less would make a mockery of the very principles Americans will be defending — with all of the military, diplomatic and financial resources at our disposal — in the months and years to come."

— *THE LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL*
September 24, 2001

■ Debt propaganda

[Some politicians say], "For the last three years, we have been using the extra Social Security money to pay off the national debt."

This is propaganda. The national debt, according to the Bureau of the Public Debt, was \$5.526 trillion on September 30, 1998, at the end of the fiscal year.

It increased to \$5.656 trillion by September 30, 1999, and then to \$5.718 trillion by July 31, 2001 — an increase of almost \$200 billion in three years.

— *MARTIN GROSS*
The Washington Times
September 10, 2001

■ Farming for dollars

It's bad enough that federal farm subsidies have spiraled ever upward and out of control. They currently make up a larger portion of the average farmer's income (nearly one-half) than they did in 1996, when the Freedom to Farm Act was supposed to liberate growers from dependence on handouts and the shackles of Depression-era agricultural planning.

Yet it's even more disturbing to learn that recipients of the lion's share of those subsidies aren't the small family farmer of popular lore. They instead are individuals such as media mogul Ted Turner, pro basketball star Scottie Pippen, [and] members of the Rockefeller clan.

According to an analysis conducted by the Associated Press (AP), nearly two-thirds of the \$27 billion that taxpayers coughed up for farm subsidies last year went to only 10% of American "farmers."

[For example], Former Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefeller last year received \$146,000 in subsidies to help operate a 3,000-acre spread in New York state, according to the report.

Pippen, who reportedly makes \$14 million a year dribbling basketballs for the Portland Trailblazers, last year received \$26,000 for growing hardwood trees on an Arkansas property enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, which pays "farmers" to idle their land.

Companies owned by Turner received at least \$190,000 in subsidies last year for ranches he owns in Montana, South Dakota and Florida—a large portion of it for letting Turner's formerly productive lands return to nature.

— *SEAN PAIGE, Insight*
October 16, 2001

■ Stone Age strategy

I've been hearing a lot of talk about "bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age."

Trouble is, that's been done. The Soviets took care of it already. Make the Afghans suffer? They're already suffering. Level their houses? Done. Turn their schools into piles of rubble? Done. Eradicate their hospitals? Done. Destroy their infrastructure? Cut them off from medicine and health care? Too late. Someone already did all that.

New bombs would only stir the rubble of earlier bombs.

Would they at least get the Taliban? Not likely. In today's Af-

ghanistan, only the Taliban eat, only they have the means to move around. They'd slip away and hide.
— *MIR TAMIM ANSARY, Salon.com*
September 14, 2001

■ Readin', writin', wrong

A Mackinac Center study of popular high school economic textbooks used in Michigan showed that many of those influential texts contain gross errors and harmful myths about the market economy and the role of government.

The June 1999 study found some textbook authors [are] consistently critical of free enterprise and private property, while presenting government intervention as almost always beneficial.

Thus, many Michigan students read in their textbooks that competition is dangerous; that Americans are undertaxed; that government spending creates wealth and that politicians are better at economic planning than entrepreneurs.

— *SCHOOL REFORM NEWS*
September 2001

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■ Racial Utopianism

A couple of years ago I debated Jesse Jackson at Stanford University on the topic, "Is America a Racist Society?"

I conceded, of course, that racism exists, but I challenged Jackson to show me racism today that is strong enough to prevent him or me or his children or my daughter

from achieving our basic aspirations — from going to college, starting a business, exercising the basic rights of citizens, etc.

Jackson insisted that racism in America is as strong as ever, and that any appearances to the contrary are due to the fact that racism has gone underground.

From one perspective, I believe, this disagreement reflects the divergence of an immigrant's view of America and the view of a leader of an indigenous minority. Immigrants compare America to their home countries, and by that standard America is a place of extraordinary freedom and opportunity.

Jesse Jackson, on the other hand, is not comparing America to any other country. His standard is *utopian*, and not surprisingly, by this standard, America falls short.

— *DINESH D'SOUZA, Imprimis*
September 2001

■ Frozen food caucus

A frozen food caucus? Oh come on. Really?

Well, apparently, yes, there is indeed a frozen food caucus now in the Congress. It's brand-new. Representatives Cal Dooley and Butch Otter are the co-chairs.

The American Frozen Food Institute is the force behind the caucus, and notes that Dooley and Otter have a "vested interest" in frozen food. You see, each Congressman has a couple of frozen food processing facilities in his district.

Anyway, why not? Congress gets involved in virtually every aspect of our lives these days.

Public policy these days is all about special rules and special regulations and special tax breaks and special subsidies. It's all about who you know and what you can give them in return.

You couldn't have a Life-Liberty-and-the-Pursuit-of-Happiness Caucus. There aren't any bills pending about that.

— *PAUL JACOB, Common Sense*
September 17, 2001

"The difference between death and taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

— *WILL ROGERS*



We Libertarians are working on taxes: Our goal is to reduce or abolish as many of them as possible. Death may be a little tougher. But we can tell you how to score a victory against it: By naming the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. That way, you can help continue to fight for freedom for your children — even beyond your one lifetime. For a confidential discussion of this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (931) 858-0915. Or e-mail him: dnc@multipro.com.

The 5 Biggest Obstacles to Voting Libertarian & How You Can Shatter Them!

Why don't people vote Libertarian? What holds them back? What stands in their way? How do we shatter these obstacles and free people to vote Libertarian?

5 Obstacles

1. The Wasted Vote Argument. "I don't want to waste my vote. If I vote Libertarian, the worst of the other two candidates might get elected. I want to vote Libertarian, the Libertarian is the best candidate, but I just can't take the chance."

2. The Spoiler Argument. "The Libertarian is not a serious candidate. Voting Libertarian virtually guarantees that the lesser of two evils will lose. So voting for the best candidate means that the worst candidate gets elected."

3. The "You Can't Win" Argument. "I like the Libertarian candidate. I support her platform of personal responsibility, individual liberty and small government. If she could win, I'd vote for her. But she can't win."

4. The "I'm a Democrat/Republican and I Vote the Party Line" Argument. "My family has been Republican for 80 years. I always vote Republican. I really like the Libertarian candidate and platform, but I never cross party lines." (A large majority of registered Democrats and Republicans never cross party lines. They either vote for their party's nominee or they don't vote.)

5. The Deal Breaker Argument. "I disagree with the Libertarian candidate on this one issue: abortion, immigration, the Drug War, foreign policy, or gun ownership — so I won't vote for him."

The Solution

We have a simple direct solution that obliterates these obstacles.

An obvious and powerful method that shatters them into dust.

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How does our Ballot Initiative shatter the 5 biggest obstacles to voting Libertarian?

1. The Wasted Vote Argument only applies to 3-way political races. Every Ballot Initiative is a 2-way race. You vote for our Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts — or you vote against it. Every vote counts. Every vote matters.

2. The Spoiler Argument only applies

to 3-way races. Ballot Initiatives offer voters 2 choices: yes or no. It cannot be spoiled.

3. Tax-Cut and Tax-Limitation Initiatives can and do win. In California. In Colorado. In Michigan. Even in the shadow of Ted Kennedy and Mike Dukakis and John Kerry. Even in Massachusetts.

4. Ballot Initiatives are Non-Partisan. Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independents have equal standing. There is no party line to vote. There is no party line to cross.

5. There is no Deal Breaker on Ballot Initiatives. One issue. One vote. So if a voter doesn't like the Libertarian position on abortion, gun ownership, immigration, foreign policy, or the Drug War, she can happily vote "Yes" on the Ballot Initiative. She can vote "Yes" to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

Our Libertarian Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts smashes through the 5 biggest barriers to voting Libertarian. It lets people vote for a part of the Libertarian platform that would dramatically and powerfully improve their lives.

Ballot Initiatives Get Talked About

"The voters aren't very interested in the candidates this year, but they are interested in the Ballot Initiatives," said a Boston TV news anchor during the 2000 elections.

"They don't care about the political races, but they do care about the Ballot Initiatives," said another Boston TV Newscaster.

Why?

Ballot Initiatives give voters direct control.

Ballot Initiatives deliver their promises on Election Day.

Ballot Initiatives Shape the Political Debate

Candidates have multiple agendas.

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Term Limits? Yes or No.

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Libertarian candidates can be ignored.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Fighting tax-funded Speed & protecting a Colorado Mosque

■ CALIFORNIA

San Mateo County LP heads anti-tax effort

San Mateo County Libertarians have filed arguments against 13 "greedy" tax measures up for consideration by voters this November.

The tax proposals are intended to increase funding for community colleges, public schools, hotels, parking lots, and other property ventures, said San Mateo County LP Chair **Jack Hickey**. The cost of the tax proposals is about \$500 million.

"There's a common thread with all of these government agencies, including schools," he said. "They are all after tax dollars."

The community colleges alone, said Hickey, want approval of a \$207 million bond to upgrade their three campuses. But Hickey said that instead of increasing government funding, county officials should give citizens back their tax dollars and allow competition to improve school quality.

"Education is very important and if it wasn't for the taxes, parents could do the right thing to educate their kids," he said.

■ CALIFORNIA

Antelope Valley LP hosts 'Jury Rights Day'

Antelope Valley Libertarians gathered at the Lancaster Courthouse on September 5 — dubbed "Jury Rights Day" by the Palmdale city government — to educate passersby about jury nullification.

The activists handed out more than 300 informational pamphlets on juror's rights, said LP County Chair **Deanna Peugeot**.

"One member of our group came dressed in revolutionary war period clothing which attracted attention," she said. "Enough attention that a couple of jury members approached us — we couldn't approach them — and took back pamphlets for the entire jury pool!"

Peugeot said local Libertarians are stressing the importance of jury nullification because three senior citizens who own a local feed store had recently been arrested for selling crystal iodine, a methamphetamine precursor that is also used to treat hoof disease.

"We felt that jury awareness/jury nullification is a very important issue," she said. "Currently most people don't know that you can vote not to convict someone if you feel the law is bad."



Discussion, literature, and ballot access

■ **Washtenaw County (Michigan) LP activist Laura Reeds stands in front of an outreach booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 18-21.**

"The Washtenaw County LP exposed thousands of people in Ann Arbor to the message of individual liberty and personal responsibility," said Reeds, who is one of the leaders of the University of Michigan College Libertarians. "The booth offered passersby a chance to learn about the Libertarian Party through free literature and discussion with LP volunteers."

At the fair — and at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival held in August — Libertarian volunteers also collected almost 1,700 ballot access signatures for the Michigan LP.

■ COLORADO

El Paso Co. Libertarians offer to defend mosque

To ensure the safety of local Muslims in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, El Paso County Libertarians volunteered to serve as security at the Colorado Springs Mosque.

About a dozen Libertarians showed up to safeguard the mosque on September 14, said **Desiree Hickson**, El Paso LP media director.

"We felt very happy to be doing something good for the com-

munity, and the response from the Muslims afterwards was a big joyous 'thank-you' for making them feel safe and welcome," she said.

The Libertarians joined with members of the Pike's Peak Interfaith Council, Earth Spirit Pagans, and Team Rainbow.

"The freedom of religion that the First Amendment espouses means that all religions should be able to practice their beliefs without interference from others," she said. "It was nice to actually do something about protecting religious freedom rather than just talking about it."

■ CONNECTICUT

State LP files complaint over voter list charges

The Connecticut LP has filed a complaint with the state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Commission, accusing the Secretary of State of overcharging the party for publicly available information.

At a hearing in July, state LP Membership Director **Ken Mosher** told an FOIA commissioner that the party should not have to pay a \$300 fee for a list of 1,000 voters' addresses and phone numbers.

Mosher said the state LP wanted a list of all third-party voters to send them information about the Libertarian Party.

The FOIA — the federal law that guarantees citizens access to all government records — stipulates a maximum charge of \$.03 per voter.

"All in all, it was a spanking good time," said Mosher about the hearing. "I was in the mood for a tussle with the government."

The commission will issue a ruling at its upcoming meeting, although the date for that meeting has not yet been set.

■ FLORIDA

Palm Beach Libertarians raise term-limit money

Palm Beach County Libertarians have held a fundraiser to help a campaign effort to impose an 8-year term limit on Palm Beach County Commissioners.

More than 60 people attended the August 18 event, which raised more than 7,000 petition/dollar pledges, and exceeded the party's expectations, said LP member **Philip Blumel**, event coordinator.

"It was exciting to get so much support," he said. "And even more exciting is that support is coming from across the political spectrum, regardless of party affiliation."

Libertarian term-limit activists need 46,000 valid signatures by June 1 to put the initiative on the November 2002 ballot, said Blumel. They have collected about 17,000.

Blumel said he expects the referendum to pass because two neighboring counties — Polk and Clay — recently passed a similar referendum with more than 70% of the vote.

"I think every affiliate party that is able should use initiatives and referendums to make Libertarian reforms," he said.

■ GEORGIA

LP member files for office over \$50 permit

It took only \$50 to convince Libertarian **Lee Hunt** to run for Fayetteville city council.

That \$50 was the cost of a city permit to install a water heater in his home — a charge that left Hunt "incensed."

"It is none of the city's business, and was just another creative way for government to get into my

wallet for \$50," he said. "[I'm] tired of being overregulated by government. When I am elected to this post, I will actively work to repeal these and other unnecessary and intrusive fees."

Hunt filed to run for Post 3 on the city council on September 12.

Hunt, an avionics mechanic, said he has no "personal agenda" against the incumbent he will face in November — but also has no faith in the two major parties.

"Several years ago I came to the realization that neither Republicans nor Democrats were interested in pursuing an agenda which would return power to you and me, the taxpaying citizens," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

Fox Valley Libertarians help in road clean-up

Fox Valley Libertarians demonstrated their commitment to environmental protection, and got some free publicity to boot, when they helped pick up trash along a major highway.

On September 23, Libertarians participated in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program along Route 72, said **Ken Prazak**, chair of the Fox Valley LP — and the event was a huge success.

"We had about six to eight activists (and Libertarian signs) clearly visible on one of the most traveled-on roads in the county," he said. "It was great advertising for the Libertarian position of volunteerism."

Prazak said Libertarians have signed up to participate in similar efforts about four times per year.

"Participating in a program such as this one is a great thing to do to show that Libertarians want to strengthen communities with voluntary efforts," he said.

■ ILLINOIS

Chicago LP chairman wins buy-back lawsuit

A Cook County judge has delivered a legal victory to the chair of the Chicago LP, agreeing that a county sheriff acted inappropriately regarding a 1999 county gun buy-back program.

In an October 5 decision, the judge ruled that Sheriff Michael Sheahan had wrongfully overcharged Chicago LP Chair **Matt Beauchamp** for public information about the program, and wrongfully denied Beauchamp the right to copy records with his digital camera.

Beauchamp had filed suit in

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September 1999 after the Sheriff's Department used tax dollars to purchase guns in "a failed attempt to get guns off the street."

In a related matter, the judge also decreed the sheriff must sign an affidavit swearing he did not know that 10 antique guns confiscated by the county had been sold to museums around the country.

Beauchamp said he felt "vindicated" by the judge's decision, and was glad the "stonewalls and lies" were finally over.

He is now suing to recover \$5,000 in attorney's fees. That suit will be heard on December 5.

■ MAINE

Libertarians say 'no' to 'universal' health care

Portland Libertarians used a Portland city council to express opposition to a "universal health care" advisory referendum that will be on the city's ballot in November.

On August 6, LP State Chair **Mark Cenci** and five other Libertarians testified that the proposal was not just "pointless hoopla" — it was also a bad "socialist idea."

"I pointed out the economic flaws of single-payer health care — based on supply and demand laws — but quickly left that to focus on negative aspects no one expected to hear, [such as privacy concerns]," said Cenci. "I reminded everyone that the government is not very good at protecting secrets."

Although the city council still voted to place the referendum on the ballot, Cenci said hundreds of people heard the Libertarian position loud and clear.

"Libertarians will continue to deliver this message of small government and freedom of choice as this debate intensifies," he said.

The non-binding health care referendum is designed to "send a message" that voters want socialized medicine, said Cenci.

■ MASSACHUSETTS

LP: State should repeal gun 'safety' regulations

State handgun regulations are disarming an unintentional victim: U.S. armed service reserves who may be called to duty in the near future, said the Massachusetts LP.

The so-called "consumer protection" regulations from Attorney General Tom Reilly, passed in April 2000, prevent the sale of guns such as the 9mm Beretta, which the Pentagon recommends for all officers in the U.S. Armed Forces, said LP State Chair **Elias Israel**.

"The Attorney General's regulations are victim disarmament of the most vicious and careless kind," he said. "And now we can see the effects: Real-life heroes are prevented from doing their work to safeguard our country."

The regulations should be immediately rescinded, said Israel, and law-abiding citizens and soldiers



Yes, there is such a thing as a Libertarian 'free brunch'

■ Jefferson Area Libertarians Virgy Quist (left) and David Yost show their support for Bill Redpath, the Libertarian candidate for governor in Virginia, at a series of events held in late September.

The Jefferson Area Libertarians (JAL) arranged a candidate's rally in Charlottesville, sponsored a free showing of the movie *Dazed and Confused* at the University of Virginia, and held a "Libertarian Free Brunch" at the Moondance Cafe in Charlottesville, said Arin Sime, a JAL activist.

"As one of the fliers advertising the [brunch] stated, 'Libertarians don't believe in a free lunch, but we are serving a free brunch!'" he said.

should be permitted to buy the weapons they need.

"Victim disarmament is ineffective and unconstitutional," he said. "And especially in these difficult times, we need every trusted hand to come to the defense of our country and its values."

■ NEW JERSEY

Abolish tax funding for stadiums, says Edgerton

LP gubernatorial candidate **Mark Edgerton** has advised state lawmakers to end government financing and operation of professional sporting arenas.

Testifying before the State Assembly Appropriations committee on September 6, Edgerton said the state government should sell Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, which it currently owns and operates.

"It's past time for the State of New Jersey to get out of that business and let the experts run it at their own risk and to their own benefit," he said.

The National Basketball Association's Nets and the National Hockey League's Devils, two sports teams who currently play in the arena, already have plans to relocate to a new, privately operated arena in Newark.

That new venue should be privately funded as well, said Edgerton.

"The taxpayers should not be forced to shoulder business risks, and should not be forced to subsidize wealthy corporations in the sports business," he said.

■ MINNESOTA

Anonymous donations are part of free speech

A Minnesota LP member has testified before the state house against a proposed campaign finance proposal, calling it a violation of the First Amendment.

On September 8, businessman **Rich Osness** told the Subcommittee on Elections that mandatory disclosure — which requires candidates to reveal the identities of their contributors — would be detrimental to the electoral process.

"Potential contributors fear having their names reported if they support positions of persons not favored by those who currently have political power," he said.

Instead, said Osness, disclosure should be voluntary. This way, contributors who fear retaliation can donate only to candidates who will not disclose their sources, while voters can choose not to vote for such candidates if they wish.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that anonymous political speech is a right protected by the First Amendment," he said. "To do otherwise is a violation of the donor's right of free speech."

■ NEVADA

'Faces of the Drug War' exhibit garners support

Victims of the War on Drugs aren't just theoretical, say Libertarians at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas: They're real people.

To make that point in an unforgettable way, UNLV Libertarians

hosted an outdoor "Faces of the War on Drugs" exhibit on the college campus on October 2.

The display featured photographs of the faces of more than 100 political prisoners of the Drug War, along with brief bios, said **Lewis Whitten**, chair of the UNLV-Libertarian Party.

"This is a great way to introduce college students to the LP," he said. "Most students see this display and know — or decide — that the drug war is wrong."

Whitten said the display generated contact information from 10 to 15 people. However, many more people took the time to look at the pictures and talk about politics.

"The main objective is to give students a positive first impression of the Libertarian Party," he said.

■ TENNESSEE

Blount County LP blasts tax-funded sports arena

Blount County Libertarians have blasted a proposal to fund a sports arena in Alcoa with taxpayer dollars.

The arena, which would cost about \$15 million, is intended to house the Knoxville Speed professional hockey team for their 2003 season, said Blount County LP Chair **Kevin Rowland**.

"I don't see how our local officials [can] justify taking money from struggling families or people on fixed incomes so they can build a hockey arena," he said.

Instead, argued Rowland, tax dollars should only go to fund the necessary functions of government.

To stop the tax-funded arena, Rowland said the LP would try to harness the 22,000 voters who voted Libertarian in the U.S. congressional race in 2000.

Those voters already demonstrated their opposition to taxes, he said, and now the LP will try to get them "fighting against taxes."

■ VIRGINIA

Jefferson Area LP holds rally for state candidates

Jefferson Area Libertarians hosted a "Referendum Rally" to publicize the party's candidates for governor and lieutenant governor.


Held at the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville on September 28, the event featured gubernatorial candidate **Bill Redpath** and lieutenant gubernatorial candidate **Gary Reams**, and attracted the attention of hundreds of passersby.

Reams, who is running a "Referendum" campaign focused on the issue of marijuana legalization, told the crowd that ending government persecution of pot smokers has widespread support.

The rally "received a great response from people [and] helped expose hundreds of people to the Libertarian campaigns for change," said **Arin Sime**, an activist with the Jefferson Area Libertarians.

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THE REVIEW

The Libertarian Oscars

■ *Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video*, by Jon Osborne. 262 pages, softbound. Kingscote Publishing. \$17.95. Available at: lfb.org.

Reviewed by Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Libertarians love to watch movies with a pro-freedom orientation.

The characters inspire us. The plots intrigue us. The themes reinforce our desire for a freer, more prosperous society.

But when you roam the aisles of your local video store, it can be difficult to find a film that reflects the tenets of individual liberty and personal responsibility just by looking at the rental cover.

That's why movie-loving Libertarians owe a debt to Jon Osborne, editor of the weekly e-zine *Miss Liberty's Film & TV Update*. He has now published *Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video: Movies for the Libertarian Millennium*, a list of the best freedom flicks.

Osborne received hundreds of suggestions as to which movies should be included in the book. The end product contains more than 250 selections, which he describes as "an evolving selection of modern film based on libertarian interests and sensibilities."

Specifically, Osborne says that he has taken a "big tent" approach, opting to include movies of various degrees of Libertarian purity — from a "purely pragmatic preference for limited government to out-and-out anarchism" — as well as balancing the primarily "political" films with primarily "philosophical" ones.

Political films focus on specific issues (*Waco: Rules of Engagement*, *Whose Life is it Anyway?*) while philosophical films focus on more abstract ideas (*The Fountainhead*, *Enemy of the People*).

Consequently, the list covers a wide variety of thematic ground. Selections run the gamut from such classic Libertarian anthems as *All Quiet on the Western Front* to more contemporary celebrations of freedom such as *Amistad*, to documentaries such as John Stossel's *Are We Scaring Ourselves to Death?*

I was also pleased to see that films such as *X-Men*, Howard Stern's *Private Parts*, and *South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut* made the list. (I like juvenile entertainment, so sue me.)

Each movie is listed in alphabetical order, followed by the important information: The film's director; names of the actors/actresses; length of the film; genre; country of production; and the general thematic content. Every selection is rated on Libertarian content and entertainment value; earning one (worst) to five (best) #'s for content, and one to five *'s for entertainment.

Each movie gets its own review, with a plot summary followed by a critique. Here is an excerpt from a review of *The Patriot*, a good example of what you might glean from a typical Osborne review:

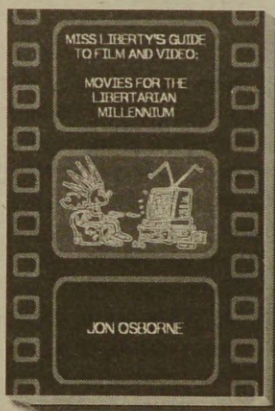
"It's a bit on the long side at nearly three hours, but the time goes by surprisingly fast. Production values are very high, and it's clear that a great effort was made to achieve historical accuracy in small details. I was disappointed that there wasn't more explanation in this film as to what the Revolution was about, but I think libertarians will get still get something out of this rare cinematic salute to the Revolution, in part just for the reminder of the kind of sacrifice that went into winning it. In other respects, this film is everything you'd expect — Mel Gibson, flag-waving, moral righteousness, and lots of carnage. The carnage aside, I enjoyed it."

What if your local rental outlet doesn't carry some of the movies listed? Don't panic. Look at the film's footnote and flip to the back section. There, you'll find a listing of outlets where you can purchase your film, including laissez-faire books (lfb.org), A&E (aetv.com), or the Advocates for Self-Government (TheAdvocates.org).

The appendix also contains a master list of the "best of the best" Libertarian films and videos — each movie in this section received five #'s for content — and a list of films by general theme.

Some of the plot summaries could stand improvement. Instead of a succinct overview, Osborne sometimes gives away too many story details, which might detract from future viewing experience.

Overall, however, the book is a handy tool to have. It is of tremendous practical value to anyone who loves liberty and movies.



California Libertarians recruit 86 candidates for 2001 races

The California LP has completed another surprisingly "effective" candidate recruitment drive, lining up 86 candidates to run for non-partisan office in 2001 — and already guaranteeing six election victories in November.

Dubbed Operation Breakthrough Version 1.5, the effort sought to recruit at least 75 Libertarian candidates to run for the non-partisan offices up for grabs in California this year.

Candidates had to file by August 10, and will appear on the ballot on November 6.

Off-year record

The 86 candidates not only surpassed all expectations, said state LP Executive Director David Molony — they are also a record for the California LP in an off-year election.

"We're in great shape to increase our number of elected Libertarian office holders in November — and get a jump start on the 2002 election cycle," he said.

And because six of the newly recruited candidates have no opposition, they have already won their races, said Molony.

"WE'RE IN GREAT shape to increase our number of elected Libertarian officeholders in November," said David Molony.

The six winners include:

■ Daniel Garisek (Big Bear Airport District, Short Term).

■ Jonathan Tatomer (Carpenteria Sanitary District).

■ Verne Skjonsby (North Humboldt Park & Recreation District).

■ Gordon Martindale (Pinedale Public Utility District).

■ Tod Foerch (Rim of the World Recreation & Park District).

■ Marguerite Kaufman (Skyline County Water District).

Of the remaining 80 candidates, Molony predicted that an-

other six will win, based on past election experience.

An unexpected benefit of Operation Breakthrough 1.5, said Molony, was that LP volunteers also identified about 100 Libertarians who said they will run for office in 2002.

"Our goal is to run a record slate of candidates next year in California, probably between 400 to 500 total," he said. "That's far more than we've ever run before. And the more candidates you recruit, the more elected Libertarians there will be."

Operation Breakthrough 1.5 was modeled after the original Operation Breakthrough, which netted 162 LP candidates for the 2000 election cycle. Of those candidates, 14 were elected to office.

Turning point

State Chair Aaron Starr said the original Operation Breakthrough campaign was "a turning point in the history of [the Libertarian] movement."

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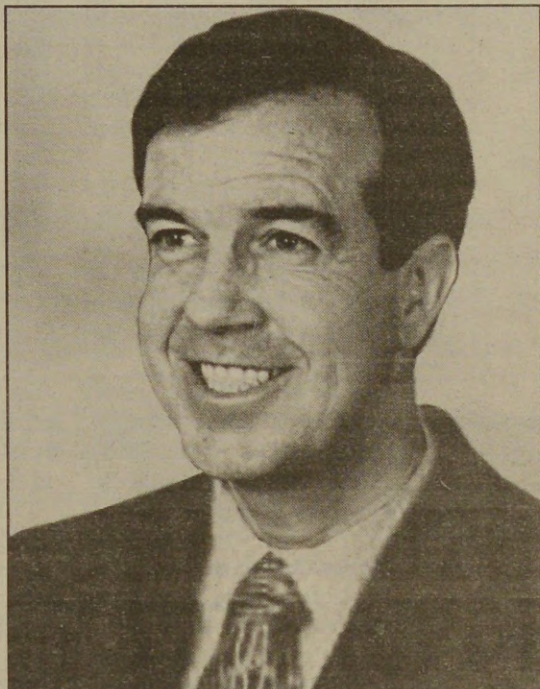
Michael Cloud's remarks and comments have been quoted by *Playboy*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Reader's Digest*, the *Congressional Record*, *National Review*, and *Harper's*, as well as the Comedy Roundtable.

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'Arab ID' poll is bad news for freedom

Americans who want to fight terrorism by mandating "special identification" for Arab-Americans are making a mistake, Libertarians said.

A poll taken in mid-September found that substantial minorities of Americans support such measures in light of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

But such a response is not only wrong, it's un-American, said Steve Dasbach, the national director of the Libertarian Party.

"We won't triumph over terrorism by giving away our nation's precious heritage of freedom," he said. "Our ultimate triumph over terrorism will come only if we remain a nation that honors civil liberties, limited government, and freedom."

However, many Americans disagree. To fight terrorism, a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll found that:

- 29% would allow police to randomly search people.
- 49% would mandate special IDs for Arabs in this country, including American citizens of Arab descent.
- 33% would make it easier for police to tap phones.

Such numbers are chilling, said Dasbach. "Consider the willingness to require Arab-Americans to carry special identification," he said. "Such a proposal has horrific echoes of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban requiring non-Muslims to wear special identifiers. To support such a proposal is not only wrong — it's shameful."

More guns could stop bus hijackings

In the wake of the Tennessee bus hijacking, every state should immediately pass Vermont-style concealed-carry gun laws so Americans can defend themselves against terrorists or deranged murderers, the Libertarian Party said.

"Let's put the Second Amendment to work to protect Americans," said Steve Dasbach. "The best defense against hijackers — or run-of-the-mill copycat madmen — is to give every American the legal right to own a gun and carry it everywhere."

On October 2, a Croatian man used a box cutter to slash the throat of a Greyhound bus driver outside Manchester, Tennessee. The bus tipped over, killing at least six people including the hijacker, and injuring 34 others.

The attack proves that no form of transportation is safe from potential attack, said Dasbach — which is why every law-abiding American needs the legal right to carry a concealed weapon.

"After terrorists hijacked four airliners on September 11, the consensus was that greater airport security could stymie such attacks," he said. "But a similar solution won't protect Americans who use buses, trains, taxicabs, or other forms of travel."

"The way to keep Americans safe is to decentralize protection: Give every law-abiding citizen the legal right to carry a weapon at all times. Terrorists will be far less likely to attack if they know they'll be staring down the business end of a dozen American guns."

\$15 billion airline bailout was bad idea

Congress and President Bush should not have authorized the \$15 billion federal bailout of the airline industry in the wake of the terrorist attacks, say Libertarians.

"We sympathize with the plight of the beleaguered airline industry," said Steve Dasbach. "But this bailout is an affront to other industries that suffered from the terrorist attack and increases the power of the federal government to meddle in the free market. In short, it was a \$15 billion mistake."

On September 21, Congress passed the airline industry bailout bill authorizing \$5 billion in cash and \$10 billion in loan guarantees.

Airlines say they need the money because the government grounded all flights for two days following the terrorist attacks, and because there has been a drop-off in air travel since then.

But Libertarians say a bailout is the wrong answer.

"Instead of pulling together as a nation, and instead of tightening their belts to deal with this national emergency, companies will now be tempted to beg politicians for hand-outs," said Steve Dasbach. "That will just politicize this tragedy, increase the power of politicians, and encourage Congress to engage in another round of budget-busting, free-for-all spending. In the long run, that's the worst possible prescription for America."

Ohio LP files suit to protect party status and ballot access

The Ohio Libertarian Party has filed a lawsuit against the secretary of state, accusing him of illegally trying to keep Libertarian candidates off the 2001 election ballot.

The suit, filed on September 21 in the 8th District Court of Appeals in Cleveland, would bar Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell from interfering in the local elections process.

Ohio LP State Director Dena Bruedigam said Blackwell has applied political pressure to Cuyahoga County Elections Board officials to try to deny Libertarian John Hartman a spot on the ballot for Lakewood city council.

"We cannot sit idly by and let our state's top election official violate the law at our expense," she said. "This is not a third world dictatorship. This is Ohio."

Contradictory sections

The legal struggle centers over two apparently contradictory sections of state election law — and the outcome of the case will determine whether the LP retains ballot access and its recognized status.

The Ohio LP had gained "recognized party" recognition and automatic ballot status after conducting a statewide petition drive in 1999, said Bruedigam.

"WE CANNOT SIT idly by and let our state's top election official violate the law at our expense," said Dena Bruedigam.

But in January, Blackwell contacted LP leaders, informing them that the party no longer had ballot access because Harry Browne had failed to poll at least 5% of the vote in the 2000 presidential election.

In Ohio, a political party must poll at least 5% in the following statewide or presidential election to retain its ballot access.

However, Bruedigam said there is an exception to this rule: A one-year grace period before the 5% requirement kicks in. That provision of the law may be found in Ohio Revised Code (3501.01,3).

"The one-year grace period is spelled out clearly in Ohio law," she said. "But Blackwell is telling us that it doesn't exist. He is blatantly

abusing his power of office by ignoring the law."

The Ohio LP submitted its petition on November 8, 1999. Because that is less than one year prior to the November 7, 2000 election, the party had been covered by the one-year grace period at the time of that election, said Bruedigam.

Consequently, she said, the party's ballot status should be determined in the 2002 election cycle.

"We planned to pour a lot of resources into polling 5% in 2002, but we can't do that unless we retain our ballot status," she said.

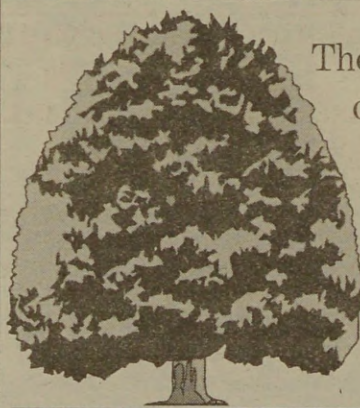
Damian Bingman, the 2002 LP candidate for Secretary of State, agreed Blackwell was intentionally acting contradictory to the law.

Off the ballot

"Ken Blackwell is refusing to enforce Ohio law and wants to arbitrarily throw the Libertarian Party and its candidates off the ballot," he said. "As a government official, he has overstepped his bounds and should resign."

The dispute came to a head in Cuyahoga in July, when elections officials barred Hartman from filing his bid for Lakewood city council as a Libertarian candidate. The officials argued that the Libertarian Party was not a recognized party

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Mass. LP members launch private land trust

Liberty Land Trust will allow Libertarians to help 'preserve land in its natural state'

Two Massachusetts Libertarians have launched the Liberty Land Trust, a free-market organization that will buy and preserve open land — and, in the process, attempt to prove that Libertarians are not “unfriendly to environmental causes.”

“The Liberty Land Trust creates a voluntary option for people who want to preserve land in its natural state,” said Ilana Freedman, a co-founder of the organization with her husband, Richard.

“It is a Libertarian, private-sector solution to a major problem that exists throughout the country.”

The Freedmans, who live in Billerica in northeastern Massachusetts, announced the Liberty Land Trust in May.

The Trust will purchase forest tracts, farm land, and undeveloped suburban lots and keep them in a “natural,” uncommercialized state for future generations to enjoy, said Ilana Freedman.

Unfriendly

“Libertarians are often accused of being unfriendly to environmental causes,” she said. “Our aim is to [offer] a practical Libertarian solution to the problem of diminishing open space — one that is both true to Libertarian principles and responsive to a valid concern about preserving our natural heritage.”

Freedman, an industry analyst,

trends forecaster, and senior partner at the Gerard Group — and an LP candidate for U.S. House in 2002 — said the Liberty Land Trust will spend the next six to 12 months raising money to buy land.

The Trust will be 100% funded by private contributions and will accept no government funding.

“The people who contribute are the ones who care about the issue,” she said. “People understand the Trust offers an opportunity to become personally involved in the effort to protect our open spaces.”

Over the next year, the Liberty Land Trust hopes to raise \$1 million, said Freedman. To raise that sum, the Freedmans have set up an endowment fund and will speak to environmental groups, Rotary Clubs, and others across the country.

“I am now in the process of planning a speaking tour which I am hoping will take me across the country,” she said. “I will go wherever people want to hear about practical alternatives to taxation.”

“We’ve already given a couple of speeches to groups on the Liberty Trust. We’ve gotten a very enthusiastic reception to the idea, and we expect that to be the norm.”

In addition, the Liberty Land Trust plans fundraising events such as spaghetti dinners, black-tie affairs, and an advertising campaign, said Freedman.

“[People] appreciate that none



■ Liberty Land Trust co-founder Ilana Freedman said her new environmental initiative points the way to “a practical Libertarian solution to the problem of diminishing open space — one that is both true to Libertarian principles and responsive to a valid concern about preserving our natural heritage.”

of our funding will come from taxpayer money, and that their own contributions will be tax deductible,” she said. “Our contributors will be people who believe that we need to protect our open space voluntarily and without coercion.”

Both the Freedmans bring a history of political activism to their current endeavor: Ilana was a Libertarian candidate for state senate in 1999, receiving 25% of the vote — the highest percentage of any LP candidate for that office in the

country. And Richard, a consulting software engineer, ran for state representative in 1996 and 1998.

The couple launched the Land Trust as a response to the “Community Preservation Act,” which is being considered at town meetings throughout Massachusetts.

Tax surcharge

The proposal would allow Massachusetts cities and towns to impose a real estate tax surcharge of up to 3% on property owners to buy open land, preserve historical sites, and build affordable housing.

Such a proposal is misguided, said Richard Freedman.

“Americans have been increasingly conditioned to solve every problem by seeking money from the government,” he said. “As a result, we are greatly overtaxed, while the problems remain largely unsolved.”

The Freedmans spoke out against the Community Preservation Act at a Billerica town meeting, arguing that it is another burdensome tax for property owners.

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The Liberty Land Trust is a better alternative, said Ilana Freedman.

“It will do what the Community Preservation Act claims to do, but without compelling contributions from those for whom it may be a hardship, or who wish to pursue different goals,” she said.

“[It is an] alternative to the government’s knee-jerk reaction of raising taxes whenever there is a problem they can’t solve.”

The Trust is also an “exciting and voluntary effort” that proves Libertarians are willing to put their ideas into action, said Freedman.

“Libertarians are known for talking political philosophy,” she said. “With the Liberty Land Trust, we’re showing that we do more than talk — we live by the philosophies we talk so much about.”

For more information about the Liberty Land Trust, e-mail: ilana@ilana.org.

Ohio LP lawsuit targets ‘personal crusade’ by the secretary of state

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The LP filed a grievance with the elections board of Cuyahoga County, which held two hearings on the matter. Neither Blackwell nor representatives from his office attended either hearing, said Bruedigam.

On September 5, all four board members ruled in favor of the LP, and certified Hartman for a spot on the 2002 ballot.

Victory for voters

“We are very pleased with the Board’s decision,” Bruedigam said at the time. “This is a victory for the voters of Ohio, who will benefit from more choices on the ballot.”

Unfortunately, she said, Blackwell refused to honor the board’s decision.

Instead, he contacted election board members, and forced them to call another hearing. The board



■ John Hartman is fighting for a spot on the Lakewood city council ballot as a Libertarian.

voted again, this time rendering a 2-2 split decision.

As Secretary of State, Blackwell had the authority to cast the deciding vote to put Hartman on the

ballot but did not do so, said Bruedigam.

“It’s obvious [Blackwell] twisted the arms of the board members,” she said. “He is making this his personal crusade to discriminate against us. But we won’t let him get away with it.”

In its September 21 lawsuit, the Ohio LP filed a Writ of Prohibition against Blackwell, preventing him from casting the deciding vote in the Cuyahoga County dispute until the court issued a ruling on the “grace period” issue.

Bruedigam said she is confident the law is on the side of the Ohio LP, and that the matter will be decided quickly in their favor.

Nevertheless, party leaders have started a petition drive in the event that they lose their appeal, and have collected about 1,500 of the 75,000 signatures required to retain recognized status. The petition deadline is January 8, 2002.

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Survey: Libertarians support anti-terrorist military strikes

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dicate that most Libertarians think the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC qualified as initiation of force, and that a strong military response constitutes legitimate self-defense by our nation."

However, Libertarians also firmly believe that a non-interventionist foreign policy makes terrorist attacks less likely, according to the poll.

Less likely

In response to the statement: "If the United States had followed a Libertarian-style policy of foreign non-interventionism over the past several decades, it is less likely that the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States would have occurred," 78.6% agreed. (55.1% strongly; 23.5% somewhat). Another 13.4% disagreed, while 10.0% were undecided or gave no answer.

When asked if a Libertarian-style policy of foreign non-interventionism would make future terrorist attacks less likely, 69.3% agreed, while 21.6% disagreed.

While the poll showed that Libertarians overwhelmingly endorse bringing terrorists to justice, a smaller majority agrees about how to achieve that goal.

■ 73.7% support bomb and missile attacks on bin Laden and his terrorist network. (51.8% strongly; 21.9% somewhat). Another 18% oppose such attacks. (10.1% strongly; 7.9% somewhat).

■ 85.8% support American special forces units operating covertly in Afghanistan to try to capture bin Laden. (64.1% strongly; 21.7% somewhat). Another 7.8% oppose such a strategy. (4.4% strongly; 3.4% somewhat).

■ 65.1% support putting more substantial numbers of American

As U.S. options move beyond striking back at terrorists directly, Libertarians grow increasingly uncomfortable.

ground troops in Afghanistan to try to capture bin Laden. (41.5% strongly; 23.6% somewhat). Another 24.3% oppose ground troops. (13.1% strongly; 11.2% somewhat).

■ 68.4% support American military attacks against Afghanistan's Taliban government and against Afghan military targets. (46.4% strongly; 22.0% somewhat). Another 21.4% oppose such attacks. (11.3% strongly; 10.1% somewhat).

■ 54.8% support American efforts to topple Afghanistan's Taliban government and replace it with a less repressive government that doesn't support terrorism. (33.4% strongly; 21.4% somewhat). Another 30.2% oppose such a plan. (16.7% strongly; 13.5% somewhat).

■ 51.9% support future U.S. military action against any nation that supports or endorses terrorism. (28.9% strongly; 23.0% somewhat). Another 30.5% oppose such an open-ended military policy. (16.0% strongly; 14.5% somewhat). Fully 17.5% were undecided or gave no answer.

■ 46.4% endorse American support for the Northern Alliance or other groups that are fighting to topple the Taliban government.

(20.6% strongly; 25.8% somewhat). Another 34.2% oppose such a policy. (18.0% strongly; 16.2% somewhat). Again, a large number — 19.3% — were undecided or gave no answer.

Those last three questions indicate that Libertarians are unwilling to give the U.S. government carte blanche to engage in limitless military action in the name of fighting terrorism, said Dasbach.

"It's obvious that as military options move beyond striking back at those terrorists directly responsible for the September 11 attacks, Libertarians grow increasingly uncomfortable," he said. "A significant number of Libertarians clearly perceive the danger of a War On Terrorism turning into old-fashioned nation-building missions and foreign interventionism."

"They clearly don't want this anti-bin Laden military effort to turn into an 'endless war for endless peace.' That's where most of the respondents draw the line," he said.

Declaration of war

Poll-takers also strongly support the notion that the United States should not attack any foreign nation without a declaration of war by Congress. Fully 68.8% agreed with that statement, while only 18.1% disagreed.

When asked about the political fallout from the September 11 terrorist attacks — such as Congressional aid for the airline industry, proposed self-defense measures, and anti-terrorism legislation — respondents overwhelmingly oppose granting new power to government, with some exceptions.

■ 90.3% oppose a national ID card to fight terrorism, while 5.0% support the proposal.

■ 87.8% oppose allowing law enforcement to use the Carnivore e-mail surveillance system. Only 4.9% support it.

■ 78.6% oppose new laws that would make it easier for law enforcement to get wiretap warrants, while 12.0% support such laws.

■ 65.6% oppose allowing the U.S. Attorney General to detain legal immigrants for up to seven days before filing criminal charges. Another 22.6% support such a plan.

■ 91.8% oppose restricting the right of Americans to use strong encryption programs that might also be used by terrorists, while 2.5% support the idea.

■ 76.7% oppose the \$15 billion federal bail-out of the airline industry, while 14.7% support it.

■ 61.7% oppose the creation of a new Office of Homeland Security. Another 23.7% support the agency.

■ 47.8% oppose any additional restrictions on immigration into the United States, while 37.8% support such restrictions.

■ 84.8% support allowing commercial pilots to carry guns while flying. Only 9.0% oppose the idea.

■ 54.6% support allowing passengers to carry weapons while flying. Another 33.8% oppose the idea.

The responses to those questions seem to indicate that Libertarians are, in the words of Benjamin Franklin, unwilling to give up "a little freedom to try to gain a little security," said Dasbach.

"In most cases, by substantial majorities, poll-takers clearly refused to give up more civil liberties so the government could fight the

War On Terrorism," he said. "However, in areas like immigration control and detention of legal immigrants, a significant minority were apparently willing to consider proposals they thought might prevent future terrorist attacks."

In other poll questions:

■ 72.5% agree there is sufficient credible evidence that Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network are responsible for the September 11 terrorist attacks, while 5.7% disagree. Another 21.8% were undecided or gave no answer.

■ 77.4% support putting an American bounty on the head of bin Laden and his terrorist allies. Another 12.0% disagree with that proposal, while 10.5% were undecided or gave no answer.

California: 86 candidates

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we are destined to have in this country," he said. "And if we just focus on growing horizontally long enough, vertical will almost take care of itself."

To fund Operation Breakthrough 1.5, the California LP raised about \$7,000. The money was used to conduct a targeted mailing campaign to registered Libertarians in districts with open positions.

In addition, the party rented a telemarketing center in Culver City, where party volunteers used state-of-the-art equipment to call potential candidates.

If every state used such professional methods for candidate recruitment, the LP could recruit hundreds or thousands more candidates every year, said Starr.

"Our volunteers were amazed that the predictive dialing phone equipment would do all the calling, and bypass bad numbers and answering machines," he said. "They were able to talk to triple or quadruple the number of people compared to dialing the phone manually."

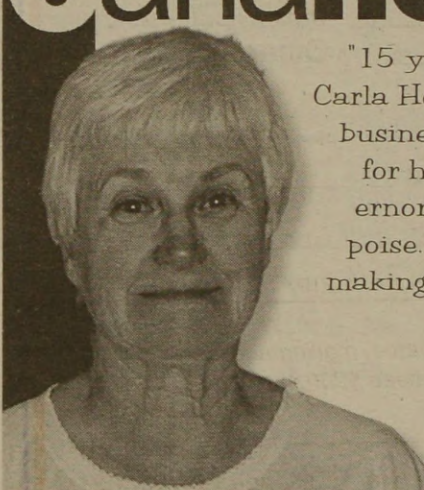
Largest slate

Thanks to Operation Breakthrough 1.5, California will run the largest slate of candidates of any LP state affiliate this year, with 92 candidates. (The party also ran candidates in special elections earlier in the year.)

Other top state affiliates include Pennsylvania (74), Washington state (35), North Carolina (22), New York (17), Virginia (15), and Massachusetts (14).

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Ask yourself these questions

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POLITICS 2001

Hot sites, new chairs, & primary wins

■ In Ohio, **Ben Lyons** has announced that he plans to seek the LP nomination for governor in 2002. He'll face off against **Steve Linnabary**. "We're excited that our party has grown so much we will be having contested primaries next year," said LP Executive Director **Dena Bruedigam**. In New Hampshire, **Phil Greazzo** has announced that he is running for Alderman (Ward 10) in Manchester. In California, more candidates have come forward for races in 2002: **Gail Lightfoot** (Secretary of State), **Michele Kurtz** (Controller), **Marian Smithson** (State Treasurer), **Ed Kuwatch** (Attorney General), and **Dale Ogden** (Insurance Commissioner).

■ In Virginia, **Marc Montoni** was re-elected as Chairman of the Shenandoah County LP. In Michigan, **Mickey Hall** was named the new Chair of the Kalamazoo LP. In Washington state, **Marie Heins** was elected Chair of the South Sound LP. In Ohio, **Rich Sargent** was re-elected Chair of the Franklin County LP. In Florida, **Grace Lipman** was elected Chair of the brand-new Nassau County LP.

■ In Washington state, nine of the LP's 12 candidates made it through the September 18 "blanket" primary, and will move on to the general election in November, according to state Executive Director **Jacqueline Passey Bartels**. Advancing were: **Michael Enquist** (State Rep., 21st District), **Thomas Kinnebrew** (State Rep., 38th District), **David Fries** (King County Executive), **Frank Ball, Sr.** (Snohomish County Council, District 1), **Don Polson** (Snohomish County Council, District 5), **Dan Adams** (Kennewick School, District 17, Position 2), **Michael Hamilton** (Pierce County Fire Commissioner, District 6, Position 1), **Nick McLaughlan** (Lake Stevens City Council, Position 1), and **Ray Huff, Jr.** (Granite Falls City Council, Position 3). Falling short were **Anthony Devinó** (Port of Seattle Commissioner, Position 3), **Lonny Eachus** (Spokane City Council), and **Tom Spanos** (Port of Bellingham Commissioner, District 1).

■ In Massachusetts, LP National Chair **James W. Lark** and expected U.S. Senate candidate **Michael Cloud** conducted a Campus Activist Workshop in Worcester on September 16. In Massachusetts, **Aaron Biterman** has been elected to the Executive Board of the Student Government Association at Endicott College in Beverly.

■ In Michigan, **Andy LeCureaux** won the endorsement of the Hazel Park Firefighters' Union in his campaign for City Council. It was the first time a union has endorsed an LP candidate in the state, according to campaign manager **Dave Collver**. In Ohio, 13 candidates are running for office this year: **Robert DeBrosse** (Piqua City Commission), **Pat Friedrich** (Dublin City School Board), **John Hartman** (Lakewood City Council), **Ron Lisy** (Bedford City Council), **John McAlister** (Gahana City Council, Ward 1), **Carl Meyers** (Cedarville City Council), **Jim Schrader** (Millcreek Township Trustee), **Gerald Seman** (Grafton Township Trustee), **Richard Shetler** (Bethlehem Township Trustee), **Sky Stargel** (Hilliard City Council), **Robert West** (Miami Trace School Board), **Jeff Zweber** (Kettering City School Board), and **Eric White** (Gaspar Township Trustee).

■ **The Advocates for Self Government's** website — and its interactive World's Smallest Political Quiz — was named one of the five "Hot Sites" of the day by *USA Today* on September 6. The newspaper wrote: "Feeling politically schizo? The World's Smallest Political Quiz stands ready to help you determine your political identity." Even before that publicity, over 1.2 million people had taken the Quiz online at www.self-gov.org. In other libertarian organization news, **Jim Babka** was named new president of the Virginia-based American Liberty Foundation, the non-profit group founded by **Harry Browne** following his 2000 presidential campaign. Babka replaced **Perry Willis**.

■ **Media news:** In the two weeks following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the party's national office did 32 radio interviews about the attack, the civil liberties fall out, and foreign policy issues, reported LP Press Secretary **George Getz**. LP spokespeople appeared on national shows like *Ken Hamblin* (115 stations), *Blanquita Cullum* (105), the *Talk Radio News Service* (300), and others. HQ staff were also interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times*, *CNS.com*, the *Gannett News Service*, and the *Washington Post*.



■ **Jim Schrader:** Ohio candidate.

CAMPAIGN 2001 REPORT

LP mayor Bonnie Flickinger aims for higher county office

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

As mayor of Moreno Valley, California, Bonnie Flickinger has compiled a long list of accomplishments.

She privatized the operation of the local library system. She defeated a proposal to build an \$18 million baseball stadium at taxpayer expense. She won for residents the opportunity to vote on repeal of the Utility Tax and the Business Gross Receipts Tax. She eliminated the city's Design Review Board.

Now, the computer literacy teacher-turned-mayor has set her sights on higher office.

Flickinger, 60, has announced her candidacy for Riverside County Supervisor in 2002, and said she is confident about her chance for victory.

"One thing I learned from [former Alaska state legislator and 1992 LP presidential candidate] Andre Marrou is that a winning campaign is 70% organization and 30% candidate — and I have the most professional campaign organization possible," she said.

Among the notable names who have signed onto the Flickinger for County Supervisor campaign are Art Olivier, the 2000 LP vice presidential candidate and former Bellflower mayor, and Chris Azzaro, former Nevada LP Executive Director and current Libertarian Victory Fund director.

Proven winner

Azzaro, who is providing Flickinger with consulting services, funding, and a comprehensive campaign plan, said a donation to Flickinger is a donation to a proven winner.

"Bonnie Flickinger brings to the race an experienced voice for liberty, with a proven track record of implementing pro-freedom solutions to everyday problems in her local community," he said.

"She's not just talking about ways that libertarian policies can improve the quality of life for her constituents — she's actually done it. And now, as a County Supervisor, she would be in a position to do so much more!"

There are several factors that make this race winnable, said Flickinger.

■ The seat is in a newly drawn district, so there is no incumbent in the race.



■ **Bonnie Flickinger:** "A winning campaign is 70% organization and 30% candidate — and I have the most professional campaign organization possible."

■ Of the 300,000 voters in the district, almost half are residents of Moreno Valley (population: 142,000). Moreno Valley voters have elected Flickinger to the city council three times since 1992.

■ The race is non-partisan, which Flickinger said can benefit third-party candidates.

"This opportunity is an exciting one," she said. "All the elements seem to be in place for a Libertarian victory come November 2002."

But first, Flickinger must be one of the top two vote getters in a primary election on March 5, 2002. Unless one candidate receives more than 50% of the vote and wins outright, the top two candidates will square off in the November runoff.

7,000 votes

Flickinger said she would probably need about 7,000 votes to be one of the top two candidates. In 1994 — the last time there was no incumbent running for the seat — there were 27,048 votes cast in the primary election.

At present, there are three other candidates besides Flickinger who have announced for the race

— including one who is being supported by the "Good-ol'-boys" network of wealthy developers and local land investors, she said.

That's why Flickinger's campaign team has set a fundraising goal of \$100,000 by January 1.

"But we don't have to publicly reveal how much we've raised until the end of January," said Flickinger. "So we don't give specific totals when asked by reporters. We've learned from earlier successful campaigns that surprising your opponent is very effective."

As mayor of Moreno Valley, Flickinger already has speaking engagements set up before local organizations such as the rotary club and the chamber of commerce. These events will serve as a springboard into her campaign, she said.

Property rights

Prominent issues in her campaign will be transportation and economic growth, she said. Preserving property rights and land usage in the face of the Endangered Species Act will also be big issues.

An LP member since the 1970s, Flickinger first won election to the city council in 1992 and became Moreno Valley mayor in 2000. Her term as mayor ends on December 31, and her city council seat is up for election in November 2002.

If she wins the primary outright in March or ends up in the run-off election, Flickinger said she would give up her city council seat. On the other hand, if Flickinger loses the primary election, she plans to run for re-election to the city council in November 2002.

The Riverside County board of supervisors enacts ordinances, adopts an annual county budget, approves contracts, appropriates funds, determines land use zoning for the unincorporated area, and appoints county officers. There are five members on the board.

"I feel that I've learned a lot from my past political campaigns and can put that knowledge to use in this one," said Flickinger. "Now it's time for my hard work and the hard work of my campaign team to pay off with a big victory."

■ **For more information, or to make a contribution, visit:** Flickinger2002.com. Or send checks to: Flickinger for Supervisor, P.O. Box 1492, Moreno Valley, CA 92556. Include name, address, occupation and employer for all contributions in excess of \$99.

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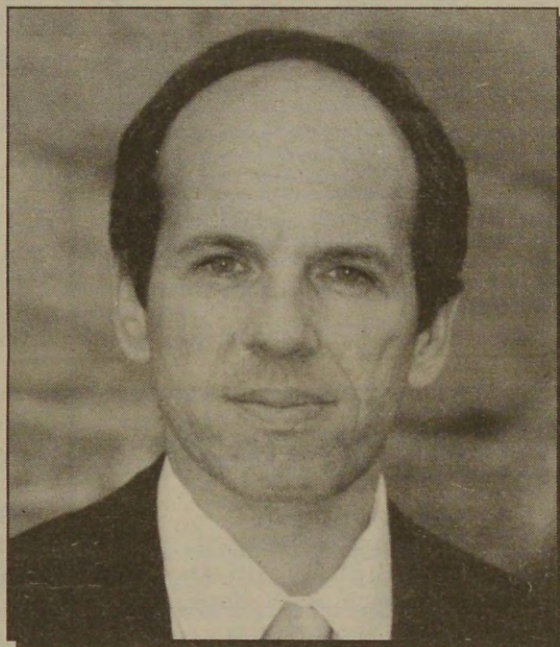
Using the guise of public safety and such empty bromides as "it's for the children," anti-gun activists say only agents of the state should enjoy the right to keep and bear arms.

Gov. "Gun Control" Owens

As a candidate, Republican Bill Owens boasted about his willingness to defend the Second Amendment. Days after Columbine, Governor Owens did an about-face and killed a state-wide shall-issue concealed carry bill.

Then, Governor Owens lent the full stature of his office to the gun control lobby by campaigning vigorously for Amendment 22, which now makes it a crime for consenting adults to buy or sell firearms at gun shows without written permission from Big Brother.

Amendment 22 was the trial balloon for the McCain-Lieberman bill, a much more insidious and intrusive piece of legislation that would make a federal crime out of peaceful, free-market transactions between consenting adults at gun shows all around the nation.



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Bill Owens won the governor's race by fewer than eight thousand votes, a razor-thin margin in a state now filled with angry gun owners who feel a well-justified sense of betrayal. When a reporter asked Owens if he was afraid of losing the gun vote, he arrogantly replied, "What are they going to do—vote Democratic?"

Vote Libertarian Bob Glass!

Bob Glass is a life-long libertarian who ran a Colorado gun shop for ten years and has been relentless in his defense of the Second Amendment and the entire Bill of Rights.

Glass has been featured regularly in the Colorado press as well as in the national media. Glass publishes *The Partisan*, a no-holds-barred libertarian journal featuring such writers as L. Neil Smith, Claire Wolfe, Vin Suprynowicz, and David Kopel.

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But we cannot do it without your help.

Bill Owens is clearly being groomed for national political office. He stands for nothing save the acquisition and maintenance of his own power. Now those betrayed by Owens have a viable option. They can vote Libertarian.

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Boortz, Gorman, and Miller to speak at '02 convention

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vention, and a candidate for the LP presidential nomination in 2000.

In addition to serving as the present chair of the Deerfield Zoning Board of Adjustment and the town's trustee of trust funds, Gorman also gives seminars across the country about how to win local Libertarian races.

"Anyone familiar with Don Gorman knows he has a lot of political wisdom to impart," said Dasbach. "With his New England accent and straight-talking style, you can always count on Don to fire up an audience."

Beat incumbent

In 1999, Phil Miller did something that few Libertarians ever have done: Beat an incumbent in a partisan race.

And not just any incumbent, either: He defeated a GOP county chairman. Miller won 52% of the vote as a staunch property rights defender and waste-cutter, earning a seat on the Greenfield City Council in Indiana.

"Phil Miller pulled out a terrific victory with gritty determination and hard work," said Dasbach. "He is an inspiration for all poten-

tial Libertarian candidates."

Boortz, Gorman, and Miller join three already-confirmed convention speakers: Potential Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell, potential Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson, and San Miguel County (Colorado) Sheriff Bill Masters.

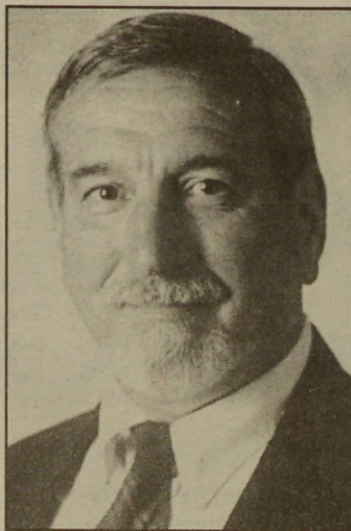
All-star cast

"It's an all-star cast," said Dasbach. "We encourage anyone interested in being a convention delegate to register as soon as the delegate packages are finalized — so keep your eyes peeled for further details."

Delegates to the 2002 National Convention will elect party officers, debate changes to the party platform, and revise party bylaws. They will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops, panels, luncheons, and entertainment events.

The convention will be held on July 3-7, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The official convention hotel is the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown.

For more information, visit: LP.org/con/2002/. To register, call the Balcom Group: (800) 272-1776.



■ Former N.H. state legislator Don Gorman (top) and radio talk show host Neal Boortz.

Historic law gets repealed

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collecting their signatures in front of the local Post Office.

By the turn-in date on March 20, the activists were exhausted, said Owen.

"We were so relieved when the petitioning was over," he said. "At that point we had a couple of months to rest before entering Phase Two of the plan."

Lobbying effort

That phase — the lobbying effort to pass the initiative — began about a month before the vote, and included several tactics: Putting up yard signs, creating a mailer for absentee voters, and purchasing advertising in the local newspapers.

To fund their activities, the Shiawassee County LP raised about \$1,650 — mostly from non-Libertarians, including business owners

and former city council members.

"We had a former city council member who was an outspoken opponent of this ordinance, and a major local business owner, also," said Owen. "Having influential people on your side never hurts."

Although the local preservation society placed full-page ads in local newspapers and outspent the Libertarian group, said Owen, they were unable to convince residents to support the ordinance.

About 20% of citizens voted in the special election, with the vast majority voting in favor of repeal.

"It was a slam-dunk," said Owen. "We won 70% of the vote and every precinct in the city. We set our goal and worked toward it."

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LNC starts attaching numbers to goals

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November 10, 2001. The National Committee will consider that budget at its year-end meeting in Washington, DC, on December 8-9.

Before setting preliminary numeric targets, the LNC reviewed feedback about the strategic plan from party members, and heard reports from LNC representatives who had discussed the plan with state LP leaders.

Based on an ongoing mail survey and the reactions from state LP leaders, party members appear to be supportive of the overall strategic plan, said Dasbach.

A good toolbox

"There seemed to be general agreement that the strategic plan strives to accomplish important political goals, and provides state and local activists with a good 'toolbox' of strategies to implement," he said.

"Of course, there were a number of suggestions about how the plan could be improved or modified, but I think everyone expects the plan to grow and evolve as it moves forward."

In addition to the goals and strategies specifically addressed by the LNC, other aspects of the strategic plan will be the responsibility of state affiliates and individual

Libertarian Party members.

The special meeting in Atlanta followed the LNC's August 25-26 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the National Committee gave its preliminary endorsement of the strategic plan on a 15-1 vote.

The plan, the product of six months of work by the party's Strategic Planning Team, lays out six major goals and 20 strategies for the Libertarian Party over a one-, two-, and three-year time frame.

The Strategic Plan calls for the Libertarian Party to focus on six

major political goals:

■ Increase the number of Libertarians holding public office.

■ Strengthen Libertarian state and local organizations.

■ Increase the Libertarian Party's support base — members, contributors, and volunteers/activists.

■ Increase the Libertarian Party's market share among youth.

■ Increase public awareness of, and support for, Libertarian ideas.

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LNC backs 'measured' anti-terrorist response

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The vicious and barbaric attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which bin Laden allegedly masterminded, cost 5,000 innocent Americans their lives. Such horrific crimes cannot go unpunished.

A fundamental role of the United States government, as defined in the U.S. Constitution, is to protect American citizens against foreign attack. Therefore, it is proper for the government to take forceful action against terrorists who have already killed thousands of Americans, and who have threatened to kill more. Such criminals must be rooted out and destroyed before more innocent people die. Their training camps and weapons must be eliminated. Their supply infrastructure must be shattered.

Appropriate response

At the same time, the United States' response must be appropriate and measured. Every precaution must be taken to minimize injury or death to innocent civilians and non-combatants — in Afghanistan and in other nations. To do otherwise is not only a violation of America's ideals, it would also cre-

ate future enemies for our nation and continue the cycle of violence and revenge.

We also call on the United States government to publicly reveal the evidence that conclusively links bin Laden and his terrorist network to the September 11 terrorist attacks. While much circumstantial evidence is available, and while bin Laden has made statements condoning the September 11 attacks, the U.S. government has an obligation to conclusively demonstrate that he is guilty of mass murder. Such evidence would not only help swing world opinion firmly behind the United States' actions, it would make a clear and compelling case that justice is being served by the recent military actions.

The Libertarian Party must take a more cautious stance about the military attacks on Afghanistan's Taliban government. Yes, there is considerable evidence that this totalitarian regime has aided bin Laden, and, yes, it refuses to assist the U.S. government in bringing bin Laden to justice. But it is a sovereign nation, and a military strike against it is an act of war. Accord-

ing to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, only the United States Congress has the power to declare war.

If military action against the government of Afghanistan is indeed appropriate, then the U.S. Congress should establish this by debating and passing an official declaration of war. Such an action would make the attack constitutionally legitimate, and protect the vital separation of powers upon which this nation's government was founded.

Measurable goals

The United States government should also announce clear, measurable, and finite goals for this War on Terrorism. Any military action must not be allowed to turn into an endless, global war against numberless, shadowy targets. America's best interests will be served by decisive action that targets the guilty, spares the innocent, and ends as quickly as possible.

Finally, the United States has an obligation to consider a new, positive approach to foreign policy for the future.

Years ago, President Thomas Jefferson articulated a foreign policy that consisted of "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." Such a foreign policy — deeply rooted in American tradition and principle — would

reduce the chance that terrorists will ever again want to strike a bloody blow at America.

As our nation embarks on this new war, the words of Thomas

Jefferson echo down the centuries, and point in the direction of an America that can be at peace with the world — and have less to fear from foreign enemies.

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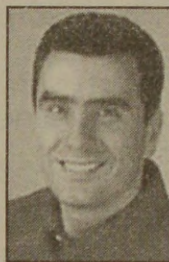
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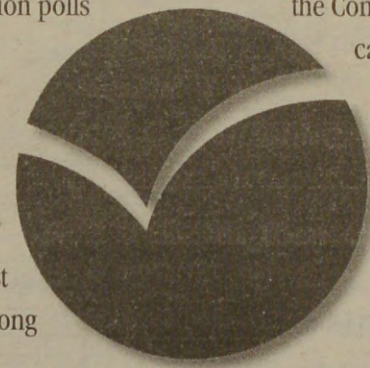


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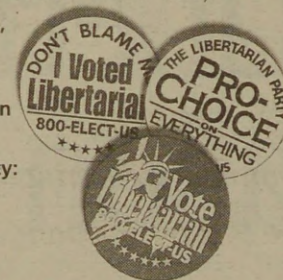
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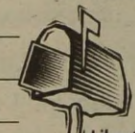
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Editor's note: Joel Simon Grus was the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. House (7th District) in Washington state in 2000. He won 7.59% of the vote — and learned some lessons from that campaign. Here they are.

1. Start early. I should have started a year before I did (though I wasn't involved with the party then).

2. Don't do everything yourself. I like setting up Web sites, designing campaign material, and planning media events. I thought I could run my campaign without any help. I was wrong. I should have spent more time reaching out to people, recruiting volunteers, and delegating tasks. People like to help. Let them.

3. Have a plan. Have a budget. My only real goal was not to spend much money. I don't recommend this as a campaign strategy. I should have set definite fundraising goals and planned how to spend money.



I should have planned promotional materials better, too. Instead of copying brochures at Kinko's the night before handing them out, I should have designed one flyer, triple-checked it for propriety, and printed a single, large batch.

4. Prepare answers. Imagine any question anyone could ask. Spar with liberal and conservative friends. Write down the questions they ask you. Write out answers. Then memorize them.

5. Prepare speeches. Talking off the top of your head isn't the

best way to campaign.

Prepare speeches, whether you write them yourself or have someone help you. Practice them. Then practice again. Prepare speeches for different occasions and of different lengths. Must haves: one-, two-, four-, and 10-minute ones.

6. Get a cell phone for the campaign. I used my home telephone number as my contact number, but I wasn't home much. So I missed calls from reporters who, working under a deadline, had to run stories without talking to me. So I missed opportunities for greater media exposure.

Use a cell phone, and you — or your campaign manager — will always be reachable.

7. Solicit community support. People, businesses, and organizations in the community will support you. Find them. Use them.

Not all may contribute financially, but there's plenty they can

By Joel Simon Grus

do for you: Display your signs, host your events, provide free Web hosting services, print your campaign literature, etc.

8. Make news happen. Sitting at home, you get very little press. Get a volunteer to constantly look out for events you can appear at (and elbow your way into if necessary).

Show up. State your case. Talk, talk, talk to the press. Then talk to them some more.

Ask area schools, community clubs, and student groups whether you can appear as a guest speaker.

9. Know your audience. Different audiences respond differently to the notion, "The Constitution doesn't authorize the government to do X." Tailor your talk to suit your audience.

Don't flip-flop on your positions. In fact, don't even appear to be flip-flopping. But you can — and should — present your ideas in a manner that your audience will accept.

10. Set an example. If you think private charity is better than public assistance, become involved with private charities. Don't say, "Organization X helps the homeless." Instead say, "I volunteer with Organization X, which helps the homeless."

Don't just talk about Libertarian ideals. Live them.

■ This essay was reprinted from the January/February 2001 issue of the Washington Libertarian.

POLITICAL TIPS

■ **Writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper?** A suggestion from Utah Libertarian John Pack: "Keep your letter short. And I mean VERY short. 150 words is a good upper bound. Editors want to print as many letters as possible, and frequently need to trim letters to fit the space. In fact, long letters are often not printed at all."

■ **Sending a fundraising letter or prospecting mailing?** Remember: "All direct mail is opened over the trash can. You have three seconds to live or die. Devote as much time to your outer envelope as to the rest of your package." — Lea Pierce [Target Marketing magazine]

■ **Appearing as a guest on (or calling into) a radio talk show?** Don't be boring. As Libertarian radio talk show host Neal Boortz notes in advice to other hosts, boring guests and callers repel listeners. He wrote: "If a caller is boring you, the caller is boring the listener. Get rid of the caller, FAST. As your finger is hovering over the caller cut-off, the listener's finger is hovering over the button for that country station. The first one to push wins." [Talkers Magazine]

Turning letters-to-the-editor into prospect gold

A source of Libertarian recruits which should not be overlooked is your local newspaper's Letters-to-the-Editor (LTE) column. Letters appear regularly, with writers supporting some aspect of individual freedom.

In the Rochester, NY, area, we have begun systematically "mining" this source, in our effort to grow our local organization. Here's an overview of our approach.

Our process begins by scanning the letters and op-eds for writers who agree with libertarianism on some subject. I cover the daily paper and a couple of the suburban weeklies.

Writer's address

When I find a likely prospect, I look up the writer's address using the phone book, online people-finders (try www.theultimates.com/white), or voter records.

Once we find a sympathetic letter, we mail that person an information package.

Along with a letter, we send a copy of the World's Smallest Political Quiz and two brochures from International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) and/or the Libertarian Party which are relevant to the

THE PROCESS
begins by scanning the letters section and op-eds for writers who agree with libertarianism on some subject.

writer's subject. One first-class stamp suffices.

Before composing the personalized cover letter, I check the party's database to see if I have written to this person before. If not, I compose a letter whose first paragraph is personalized, but the rest is generic. Example:

Dear Mr. Schmoe,
I enjoyed reading your letter-to-the-editor in the [local newspaper]. You're right on the mark with your lucid and persuasive article linking the increase in crime to a decrease in gun ownership!

I am helping the Libertarian Party build its chapter in the greater

Rochester area, and am seeking your support!

I've enclosed a few libertarian brochures for your perusal.

If you have comments or questions about issues or the LP's programs, I'd be delighted to hear from you by e-mail, phone, or snail mail.

Thanks for making your public statement!

For Freedom, [signature].

My contact information is listed on the letterhead.

After mailing the letter, I file a copy of the LTE in a folder, and add the writer to our database. I include where his/her letter appeared, its subject, which brochures were sent, and the date.

Although the frequency of pro-freedom letters ebbs and flows, the average number in our area, is three per week.

But that adds up: In 2000, I followed up 154 LTEs.

Replies have come in by phone, mail, and e-mail. This feedback — and that from phone follow-ups when we invite the letter-writers to party activities — allow us to cull uninterested people from the data-

By Dave Hoesly

base. (Actually, they stay in our database so we don't waste time contacting them again; they're merely deselected when we print mailing labels from the database.)

Those who are interested are asked for their e-mail address. We invite them to join the party, attend our events, and vote for Libertarian candidates.

I have seen thousands of dol-

lars spent on political campaigns which generated a few dozen prospect names for the database. While campaigns have their place, this method — which contacts people who have already identified themselves as caring about liberty — is remarkably efficient by comparison.

Any LP chapter can derive benefit by using it.

■ **About the author:** Dave Hoesly is a Libertarian Party activist in Rochester, New York. Contact him at: liberty1st@yahoo.com.

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THE FORUM

Libertarian reactions: The September 11 terrorist attacks & U.S. military response

Editor's note: In the October issue of *LP News*, we printed a sampling of Libertarian reactions to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

In this issue, we devote a special edition of "The Forum" to more reactions (both to the attack and the subsequent U.S. military action) from small and large "L" libertarians.

Please note: The statement from LP National Chair Jim Lark (issued on September 12) and the statement passed by the Libertarian National Committee (on October 14) constitute the formal Libertarian Party response to the terrorist attack and military action. The following comments represent only the viewpoints of the authors, and are printed here to show the range of libertarian opinion about this event and related issues.

It's not a tragedy

By Jessica Bowen

Many media outlets have used the word "tragedy" to describe the terrorist attack. In my mind, that word is not up to the job. A tragedy is 6,000 people killed in an earthquake. A tragedy seems random and sad.

This was not a tragedy — it was a vicious attack; it was mass murder; it was war.

We must be hawkish towards the perpetrators of this evil atrocity. We must crush them completely so that no other group will entertain thoughts of harming American civilians for a long time.

I am not necessarily an advocate of violence, but if it is not warranted in this case, when? Why do we have this military might? And, more importantly, would it not be self defense rather than the initiation of force?

In the upcoming days and weeks, people will be making suggestions to make this country safer. Many of these suggestions will directly threaten each of the rights cited above. This country must be protected, they will say.

Again, I ask, "Why?" Why should we protect this country? The answer is because this country is great. Why? Because we have Constitutionally protected rights. If we sacrifice our rights, the country is no longer great. It may be safe, but it will not be America, and it will no longer be worth defending.

So go, hang your flags from your houses, your businesses, and



your cars. Look at that symbol proudly — it stands for something great, something no other country in the world has. Do not sacrifice what that flag stands for to be able to wave a pretty piece of cloth.

■ **Jessica Bowen** is the editor of the *Massachusetts LP e-mail announce list*.

Terror, Liberty, Safety

By Kenneth Prazak

First, the unspeakable violence perpetrated upon thousands of innocent Americans must be punished. Thomas Jefferson declared war on the Barbary Pirates; there is no reason the United States shouldn't declare war on the terrorists and their accomplices.

Extreme care must be taken to protect innocent lives in the process. Otherwise, an escalating cycle of violence will continue, and the world will thus be worse off.

Jingoistic attitudes of "Nuke them" and "Flatten Afghanistan" are irresponsible and reprehensible. At this time of emotion, we all need to muster up the courage to begin to think and act rationally. Indiscriminate killing will only beget indiscriminate killing.

After we punish those responsible, it will be time for a reappraisal of our foreign policy. We must ask ourselves: Why such extreme hatred for Americans? Why were some Palestinians dancing in the streets at the news of the tragedy?

War is horror. The least a re-

sponsible people can do if war is necessary as a response to the initiation of force, is to make every effort to keep innocent civilians out of it. To violate this is to perpetually escalate the horrors of war.

A non-interventionist foreign policy won't guarantee we won't ever have terrorist activity in this country again. Neither will an interventionist foreign policy do so. Evil exists in the world.

But, under which policy is it less likely that terrorism will exist? Being a good neighbor, or a nosy one? Ask yourself, "When is the last time you can remember a time that neutral, good-neighbor Switzerland had to deal with terrorism?"

■ **Kenneth Prazak** is the Director of Activism for the *Illinois LP* and president of the *Fox Valley LP*.

Purpose of government

By David Boaz

America has been attacked. Those of us who counseled military restraint and non-intervention when our vital interests were not at stake now face the situation that we always said would require military retaliation: an attack on the people and property of the United States.

Now, our government has a job to do: not to sponsor midnight basketball or regulate our workplaces

but to provide for the common defense and protect our lives and property.

This is a new kind of war and it will require new tactics for waging war. Here's an outline of what we should be doing:

Go after al-Qa'eda and the Taliban. Assuming that the Bush administration is convinced that Osama bin Laden was behind the atrocities, it must insist that Afghanistan hand him over. Failing that, we must go into Afghanistan with ground troops to find them. It won't be an easy task; the Soviet Union learned that in a nightmare decade. But this is the sort of mission that our Special Forces train for. They'll find bin Laden.

Also, the Taliban is a state sponsor of bin Laden and his wave of terrorism. So, one of our goals must be the removal of the Taliban from power. Our war is not with the people of Afghanistan — it is with the government of that poor country. When the Taliban is removed, we hope that a democratic government will be established. But our military objective must make clear that states that sponsor terrorist attacks on the American people will not endure.

Libertarians usually enter public debates to call for restrictions on government activity. In the wake of September 11, we have all been reminded of the real purpose of government: to protect our life, liberty, and property from violence. This would be a good time for the federal government to do its job with vigor and determination.

■ **David Boaz** is executive vice president of the *Cato Institute* and author of *Libertarianism: A Primer*.

Skewed priorities

By Jacob Sullum

Shortly after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, House Speaker Dennis Hastert announced that he had put together a special advisory panel: the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America.

"The illegal drug trade is the financial engine that fuels many terrorist organizations around the world, including Osama bin Laden," he explained. "By going after the illegal drug trade, we reduce the ability of these terrorists to launch attacks against the United States and other democracies."

Actually, "going after the illegal drug trade" is what allows terrorists to fund their operations with the artificial profits created by pro-

hibition. In that sense, the \$40 billion or so the United States spends on drug law enforcement each year represents a subsidy for murderers.

Banning a product that people want to buy creates an opportunity for criminals, who can earn big profits because they are willing to run the risk of producing, transporting, and selling contraband. This "risk premium" can be huge, with cocaine and heroin selling for 20 to 40 times as much as they otherwise would.

Prohibition thus delivers to armed thugs around the world a handy stream of revenue, which they can dip into by selling drugs or by taxing producers and traffickers who operate in areas they control.

Stronger enforcement, the solution favored by Hastert, would tend to increase the risks of drug trafficking, eliminate competitors, and raise profits. It hardly makes sense, then, to fight terrorism by cracking down on drugs.

To the contrary, the events of September 11 highlighted how seriously the war on drugs has skewed the government's priorities and compromised our security.

■ **Jacob Sullum** is a syndicated columnist and writer for *Reason* magazine.

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Peace freak

My personal view: I lost Army rank in Vietnam for being against the war in the middle of the war. I was active with other vets in the peace movement when I got home.

I haven't supported any war since, and demonstrated against the Gulf War. The invasion of Panama was especially offensive to me. These have all been interventionist or colonial wars.

But now, here we are. I do not oppose deposing the Taliban and destruction of al-Qa'eda.

It could be argued that the U.S. government has indirectly, and perhaps directly, "initiated force" through foreign policy, but the

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overwhelming number of civilians killed in the WTC did not.

Furthermore, until these specific threats are eliminated, attacks on our people — on our soil — will continue. The foreign policies that contributed to the current state of affairs is, to me, a separate issue that still needs to be dealt with. The ultimate solution is libertarian non-intervention.

I am a peace freak, not a pacifist. I've never been much of a cheek turner. It seems to me the other cheek has been turned at the African embassies, the U.S.S. Cole, and the previous attack on the WTC.

Still, our philosophy is broad enough to encompass pacifists, so I have no serious quarrel with those who disagree with me on this issue.

Whatever your view, let us emerge as a party with some internal differences but united in our quest for freedom.

■ **Joseph Knight** is the State Chair of the New Mexico LP.

Live with consequences

By Austin L. Hough

It had been more than a week since the attack on the World Trade Center before I heard that I had lost a dear old friend from my high school days. He was 33 years old, a husband, father of a 3-year-old daughter, and in just one week, his second child is due. He worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 104th floor of 1 World Trade Center.

Like thousands of others touched so closely by these horrific events, I have been overcome with emotions: anger, sadness, disgust, confusion.

But as we search for answers in this sea of tragedy, I urge Americans not to succumb and think only with their hearts, but think more so with their heads to make sure this never happens again.

Our hearts tell us to go after Osama bin Laden. They tell us to focus blame on the Taliban government of Afghanistan. They tell us to seek revenge.

Our heads, on the other hand, say we need to find out why this happened and to take the steps necessary to prevent these atrocities from happening again.

Do not misunderstand my message. The perpetrators must be brought to justice. But we need to use our heads and find the real answer to why these events took place so they do not happen again.

Sadly, I believe that answer lies in America's self-anointed title of world policeman and our interventionist foreign policy. Contrary to what our president and government officials are telling us, the terrorists who target America are waging

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war on us because we have been committing similar atrocities to their cultures and their way of living around the globe.

Believe me when I say that more than anything I want to avenge the loss of my friend, but any attack made on these terrorists will be futile unless we also attack our own foreign policy and put an end to our egotistic belief that we need to police the world.

■ **Austin L. Hough** is the State Chair of the Illinois LP.



Do you think our government has gotten too big and too powerful? Do you think a maze of bureaucrats and politicians are chipping away at the freedoms Americans used to take for granted? Do you think the Bill of Rights is being silently repealed — one precious freedom at a time?

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But we need your help to do it. Join us today!

It's the Constitution

By Steve Kubby

Homeland security and wars against terrorism are not enough. Even a return to a prosperous economy is not enough. Americans deserve something far more important: Protect and defend America's Bill of Rights.

Our highest priority is, has always been, and should always continue to be, defending the inalienable rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

Brave American men and women gave their lives to defend our Constitution. That's why all Americans must oppose any action that undermines those freedoms or betrays these brave Patriots and the rights they fought to uphold.

Anything in any bill before any legislature that would infringe on our rights should be seen as an unpatriotic action that helps terrorists by undermining our heritage as a freedom-loving country. Those who tell us that we must give up our freedom to fight terrorism betray our American ideals.

■ **Steve Kubby** was the Libertarian candidate for governor in California in 1998.



Court decision wins N.J. party registration rights

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19:23-45, which awarded the right to partisan registration only to those recognized political parties.

No party other than the Republicans and Democrats had met that standard since the law was enacted in 1920. (Voters can also register as non-affiliated independents.)

On April 25, 2000, a superior court judge ruled in favor of CAPP, saying that denying voters the opportunity to register with alternative political parties infringed on their Constitutional rights of expression, association, and equal protection under the law.

Although the 10% standard for full recognition was not struck down, the judge ruled that the five minor parties were "entitled to be considered a political party for the limited purpose of party declaration forms."

That decision — and the subsequent affirmation by the appellate court — was largely based on an admission by the Republican and Democratic state chairpersons that registering voters "sympathetic to their cause" is a primary source of

canvassing, fundraising, and other party-building activities, said Ellett.

The ruling confirmed that "the state is not free to enhance or subsidize the party-building activities of the Democratic and Republican [parties] by stifling political discussion and association of alternative political parties," he said.

Voter lists

N.J. election officials will now be required to tally the number of voters who register with each minor party, and furnish voter lists to those parties, said *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger.

"It's wonderful for people in New Jersey," he said. "The Democratic and Republican parties are losers in this case, since they had intervened and filed briefs against the minor parties."

The new voter lists will be a big boost for the Libertarian Party, said Ellett.

"[If] the law is implemented properly, this will allow us to identify new Libertarian voters and help us grow the party," he said. "This could be a big step forward."

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Danger, opportunity for Libertarians now

As I write this article (in early October), I am contemplating some contrasting events of the past month. I participated in events promoting the campaigns of candidates for mayor (David Goree) and city council (Bernard Carman and Kevin Rollins) in Asheville, North Carolina, and for Governor (Bill Redpath) and Lt. Governor (Gary Reams) in my home state of Virginia. At these events, I met long-time Libertarian activists and newcomers who are learning about the vicissitudes of campaigns. I was greatly impressed with the dedication of the long-time activists and the enthusiasm of the newcomers.

I shared pizza and chatted with a dozen or more Libertarian Party of Massachusetts activists who had invested their time staffing "Operation Politically Homeless" information tables at the "MassCan" festival. The following day I spoke at a campus organizing workshop for Libertarian activists in Massachusetts. I met several students who are working vigorously to promote Libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party on their campuses.

I read of the excitement among Libertarians at the prospects next year of serious campaigns for Governor by Ed Thompson (Wisconsin) and Clyde Cleveland (Iowa).

I spent a long weekend in Jacksonville, Florida helping the Duval County LP and other area groups with their efforts. The itinerary included speeches to college classes, a radio interview, discussions of strategy with local LP leaders, and a gathering attended by activists from several parts of northern Florida.

During the drive between speaking engagements at the University of North Florida and Jacksonville University, my host Doug Klippel and I listened to LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger's appearance on "The Libertarian Hour" on WJGR radio. The show, featuring interviews with nationally prominent Libertarians combined with comments by local Libertarians, airs every Friday.

Sandwiched between these pleasant events was the terrorist attack of September 11. To some extent, I am still stunned by the extent of the tragedy. The world changed that day; just as many people describe with great clarity their situation when they heard the news of Pearl Harbor or President Kennedy's assassination, I suspect many Americans will remember the September 11 attack with equal clarity.

The next several months will be a dangerous time for the freedom movement in general and the Libertarian Party in particular. Some obvious dangers are posed by prospects for a massive increase in governmental power in the name of security.

As I type this, the U.S. is taking military action in Afghanistan. The list of "temporary" liberty-restricting measures enacted during times of war is depressingly long. The danger of enactment of such measures is particularly great at this time, since the principal threat of reprisal for our current military actions is likely to be through terrorist attacks in America.

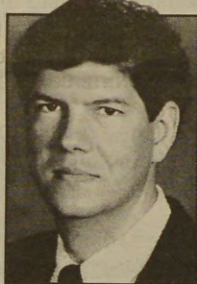
In addition, whenever the U.S. is involved in military conflicts, many important issues (such as reducing taxes) are simply swept off the stage of public discussion.

Another danger, albeit less important, concerns exacerbation of tensions among Libertarians who hold differing views about the proper use of America's military might. Such tensions may flare into unpleasant conflicts among people in the broader Libertarian movement, which may make it more difficult to work toward reducing the size and scope of government.

I recount these events to illustrate problems and opportunities we face. On many fronts the Libertarian perspective is making great progress and slowly translating into more victories for the party.

Unfortunately, the outbreak of war can make things very difficult for supporters of liberty. On the other hand, we have an opportunity to lead by offering the case for limited government and a non-interventionist foreign policy that makes it less likely America will be regarded as an enemy and thus a target for terror.

Let us resolve during these times to stand for liberty, regardless of whether it is popular. Our work is especially important now.



By James W. Lark
LP NATIONAL CHAIR

Free trade: It's better than 'managed trade' for the U.S.

EDITOR'S NOTE: How can Libertarianism solve America's problems? In each issue, *LP News* will showcase how "Libertarian Solutions" — or interim steps in a libertarian direction — can help improve our nation.

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Remember trading baseball cards as a kid? Or stickers? Or the food your mother packed for your lunch in a brown paper bag?

At the time, you had probably never heard of Adam Smith, "Father of Capitalism." Nevertheless, you were taking a page out of his *Wealth of Nations* — and engaging in "mutual trade to mutual advantage."

As Smith described, in a free-trade system a transaction will only take place when each participant believes he or she will benefit. The "fairness" of the trade depends on the cost-benefit analysis of each trader.

Individuals trade to boost their own standard of living. Each produces a good or service where he or she has a comparative advantage, and then trades for what other individuals produce themselves.

And as Libertarians, we know that what is good for an individual is also good for the whole of society.

12 million jobs

The United States is far and away the world's largest economy. According to Dan Griswold of the Cato Institute, trade accounts for more than 30% of U.S. gross domestic product, and more than 12 million jobs depend on U.S. exports and access to global markets.

Given our reliance on trade for economic growth, demands for freer trade policies have been echoing throughout the halls on Capitol Hill, right? Wrong.

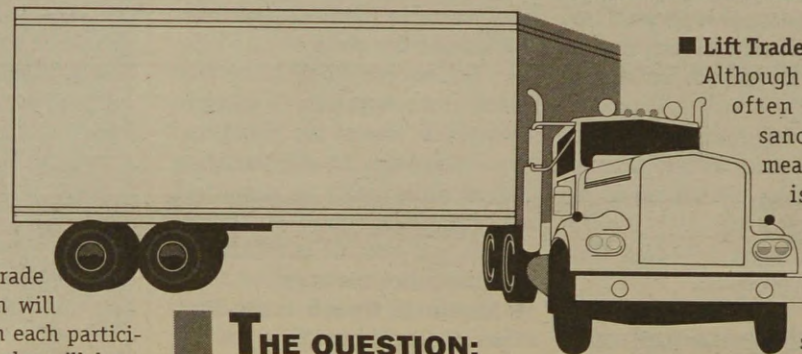
Instead, recent years have brought a proliferation of new trade barriers, and attempts to further regulate trade with "trade treaties" such as the North American Free Trade Agreement or the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Although "spun" by the politicians as "free-trade" improvements, such government agreements have recently begun to reveal their true colors — as the by-product of corporate statism.

Llewelyn H. Rockwell Jr. of the Ludwig von Mises Institute says it

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best: "NAFTA set up supranational boards, expanded bad laws to the entire region, gave billions in direct subsidies to Mexico, benefited government-connected big businesses and hurt small and medium-size firms, and linked the dollar to the peso via a 'stabilization' fund, thus foreordaining the [\$50 billion U.S. taxpayer] bailout of Mexico.



■ Lift Trade Sanctions.

Although politicians often advocate sanctions as a means of "punishing" totalitarian regimes, sanctions usually seem to harm everyone except dictators and tyrants.

For example, the United States levied a trade embargo on Iraq in 1991, after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, in an attempt to "teach him a lesson."

But since then, Hussein has used anger and frustration with U.S. trade policies to further entrench his totalitarian government. The only people who have been harmed by the embargo are American companies and innocent Iraqi citizens — tens of thousands of whom have since died from lack of food and medicine.

All told, the president's Export Council estimates that the U.S. has imposed more than 60 trade sanctions against about three dozen countries since 1993, including Cuba, India, Pakistan, and Burma. Those sanctions are estimated to have cost American exporters an estimated \$20 billion in lost sales overseas.

■ **Eliminate tariffs and quotas.** The International Trade Commission has concluded that eliminating U.S. trade barriers would create a net of 8,000 new jobs for U.S. workers — as some jobs shift from protected industries to areas where American workers are more productive. While some workers in inefficient industries would lose their current jobs, more new jobs would be created.

Tariffs and quotas on imports can be found in a number of industries, such as steel, lumber, and wool. Union leaders often lobby

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Is free trade good

for our nation, and

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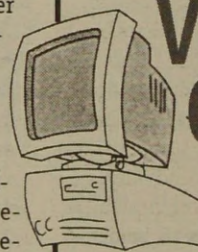
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to keep it 'fair'?

"The GATT treaty created a Keynes-inspired, Geneva-based World Trade Organization. It had a Secretariat, a General Council, a Ministerial Conference, dozens of committees and councils, and dispute settlement bodies. Signers had to vow to pursue Keynesian fiscal and ILO-style labor policies."

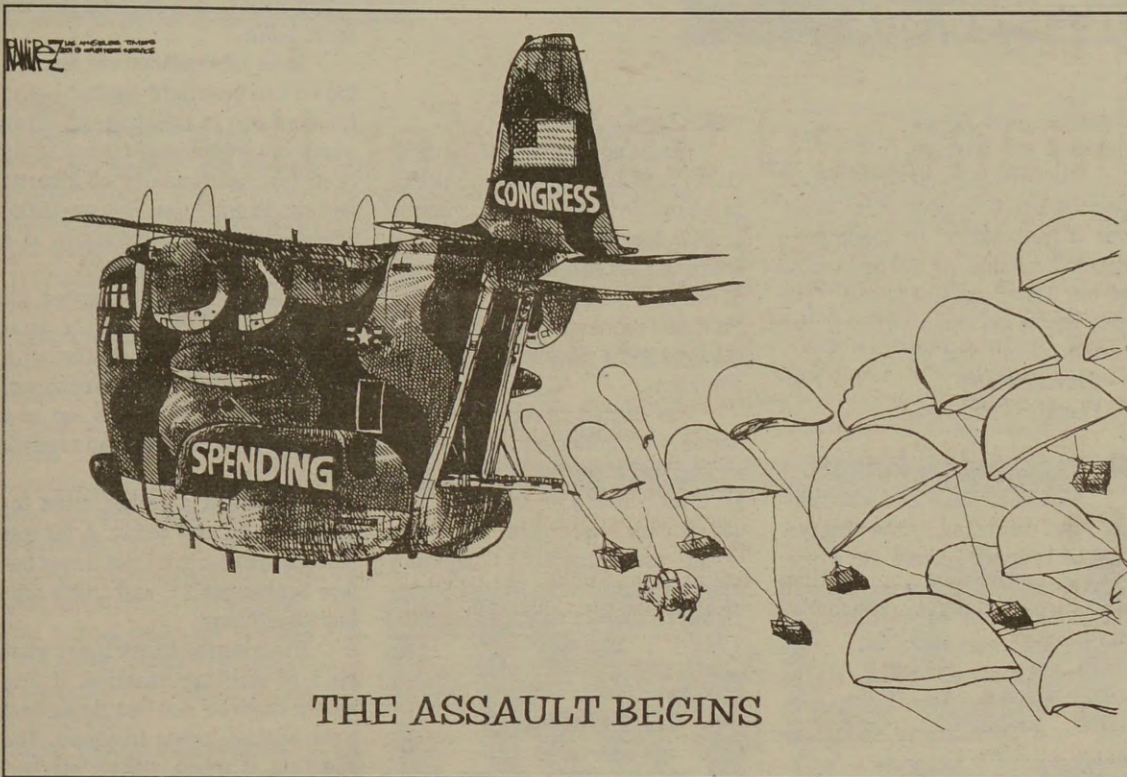
Now, while President George W. Bush seeks "fast track" authority to negotiate further trade deals with-

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■ Dumb politics

I was greatly disappointed by Chairman Lark's statement on behalf of the Libertarian Party regarding the tragedy of September 11, 2001 [LP News, October 2001].

In my judgment, there are three clear reasons to oppose his position that "Libertarians reject the initiation of force as a solution . . . any response be *measured* . . . [no] action taken that will cause innocent people to be killed."

First: I believe the attack to be the equivalent of a declaration of war against the United States. At time of war, partisan politics need be set aside and all political parties show a common front against our enemies. From Mr. Lark's words it was very clear that he does not agree with President Bush's policies.

Second: I believe Mr. Lark to be flat-out wrong in his position that we should not actively and aggressively pursue such terrorists and their supporters militarily. Blaming the attacks on our foreign policy — calling for a pre-World War II form of isolationism — can best be summarized as "quaint." One expects this rationale from the liberal "Hate America First" clique, but not from the Libertarians. Likewise, a fortress America is passe.

Third: Such a viewpoint is dumb politics. Mr. Lark's remarks will be utilized against Libertarian candidates for office. Perhaps not where they are collecting only a few "protest votes," but certainly in every contest where they might stand a chance of winning.

— RONALD R. HAUS
Oneonta, New York

■ Afraid to speak

You introduce the "Response" statement on page I as being issued by James W. Lark III, [Libertarian Party] Chairman.

Do I gather correctly that Mr. James Lark III is the author of the statement, and that you consider this to be the official position of the Libertarian Party?

Does the party charter permit one man alone to decide what the official party position is on such an important matter?

THE STATEMENT
on terrorism: Have we become as other parties, afraid to stand and speak honestly in accord with principle?

I intend no personal disrespect to Mr. James Lark III, but I find this "official" position to be wimpish and more a politically-correct statement seasoned with appropriate platitudes to not offend anyone, than a strong, direct, and principled statement in accord with Libertarian ideology.

Many of the "unofficial" statements printed would have been a better "official" statement, e.g., those of David Nolan, Harry Browne, Ed Clark, Sheldon Richman, and

Jarret Wollstein.

Have we become as other parties, afraid to stand and speak honestly in accord with principle?

— LOUIS G. DOOLEY
Ocala, Florida

■ Our own fault?

I read the various responses to the September 11 events ["The terrorist attack: Libertarian reactions," October 2001] and was struck by what was not said by the various writers. The tone ranged from a snobbish "I told you so" to prim reprimands for American foreign policy over several decades — both stances barely concealing an "it's our own fault" argument.

The problem we face is not caused by Israel, U.S. foreign policy or Western "arrogance." The real problem is that every single country in that region (including all who aid and abet terrorism) are despotic regimes whose populace is fed a steady diet of vitriolic anti-Western diatribes from mosques, television and newspapers.

We are hated because we represent the West and all that implies. The suffering of the Iraqi people is due to one thing — the current dictatorship in power that refuses to renounce weapons of mass destruction.

U.S. self-interest manifests itself in more ways than just defending the coastline. The flow of energy is essential to the defense of this nation; stopping terrorists who loudly proclaim the desire to kill hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens is another example of

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THE PULSE

The LP's 'principle' debate

How much political principle should the Party of Principle practice, if the Party of Principle is to be politically practical?

This tongue twister sums up the dilemma faced by Libertarian Party members — and encapsulated in this month's unscientific Pulse question. In short: Is the LP too ideologically rigid? Or should LP members be more tolerant of differences of opinion within our own party?

The final tally was almost as close as last year's presidential race. An even 50% of respondents said the LP was too ideologically rigid, while 45.8% said the LP is right where it should be — or not ideologically rigid enough.

(Another 4.2% gave ambiguous answers, or did not specifically respond to the question).

The general feeling among the "too ideologically rigid" caucus was that the LP should welcome people who fall anywhere within the "Libertarian Quadrant." This would foster party growth, they argue, and alleviate the concern among some voters that the LP is too "extreme" in its views.

In contrast, the other 45.8% said that a strict adherence to the "non-initiation of force" principle is necessary for the LP to remain the "Party of Principle." Some acknowledged there is room for disagreement with specific policies — so long as no policy violates that basic tenet.

Here is a representative sampling of the responses:

■ I have seen many intolerant organizations go by the wayside because of rigid ideology. If we are to grow as a party, we need to be tolerant of people that "stray from the faith." I think most people are mostly libertarian. If ideological purity is what libertarians want, then we might as well lock the door and turn out the lights.

— RONNIE C. WHITE, Midwest City, Oklahoma

■ It's not possible to be too ideologically rigid. You either stand for something or you don't. The R's and D's usually don't.

— BOB BROWN, Vancouver, Washington

■ Libertarianism is about tolerance — not just for what people do in the privacy of their homes, but what they believe as well. For example: Libertarians for Life. I don't agree with its tenets, but I don't think it should be shouted out of existence. Besides being 100% for free speech, there's the possibility they're right and I'm wrong.

— ANDREW WILLIAMS, Rockville, Maryland

■ Be the Libertarian Party in thought, word, and deed — or change the party name to the "Pulse of America" and be more charming and centrist than the Republicrats, forget about principle, and enjoy the slippery slope. We, the LP, need to reconfirm ourselves as the Party of Principle and not look back.

— BILL LAWRY, Woodbridge, Virginia

■ Everyone in my acquaintance who supports the LP and/or its candidates is inspired by the LP being "The Party of Principle." It is an identity we squander at our peril. We can temper the risks of ideological schism by developing, refining, and communicating regularly our core beliefs.

— KEN PARMALEE, Morrow, Georgia

■ News flash to the holier-than-thou Libertarian crowd: We are human. We are imperfect. That's why we set up governments. If only folks who consistently sit on the tip-top of the World's Smallest Political Quiz are deemed good enough, y'all might as well close up shop now — you'll probably never find enough of you to make any substantive impact.

— NICK KRATZ, Pasadena, California

■ Critics of Libertarians who are not 100% ideologically "pure" need to find something better to do. Criticism brings people down. Positive activism brings people to believe that our goals are achievable.

— AARON BITERMAN, Beverly, Massachusetts

■ Like Patrick Henry said, we must, "Guard with jealous attention the public liberty." We are not too rigid.

— CHRIS BOGAN, Homeplace, Indiana

■ We need rigid adherence to our basic principle of non-initiation of force, but not so rigid as to exclude views which are arguably

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consistent with that principle, or to exclude relatively minor deviations like [Virginia LP gubernatorial candidate] Bill Redpath's.

— **BRADLEY BOBBS, Van Nuys, California**

■ We should welcome anyone into the party who holds more Libertarian views than not. But if you are running for office on a Libertarian ticket, you should be totally committed to our philosophy. Anyone in the spotlight needs to be held to a higher standard.

— **RON CLARK, Litchfield, Illinois**

■ If we are to become a serious political party, we must acknowledge that a range of opinions exist within our "tent." The Libertarian quadrant of the WSPQ is a region, not a single point. What defines us is our agreement on personal responsibility and limited government.

— **LAIRD MANOR, Greenville, South Carolina**

■ The LP is not too ideologically rigid! Disagreement only occurs in application of its principles. What the LP should do is eliminate most applications of principles in its Party platform, and allow flexibility in individual interpretations of their applicability.

— **GERALD SCHNEIDER, Kensington, Maryland**

■ I would say we are not rigid enough! If our candidates are going to act like the D's and R's, why bother being a Libertarian at all?

— **MARK RICHARDS, West Milford, New Jersey**

■ Let's concentrate on victory and hash out the difference when we are the working majority in the legislatures. If an LP member thinks a candidate is too much a collectivist, nominate a second, more "pure" candidate and let voters decide in the primary.

— **STEVEN FUJITA, Long Beach, California**

Jan. Question: Convention speaker?

It's hard to believe, but the 2002 National Convention is just around the corner. Well, it's coming up fast, anyway: It will be held July 3-7, 2002 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to selecting new LP leadership and debating possible changes to the LP platform, delegates will have an opportunity at the Convention to enjoy the usual line-up of interesting speakers. But which speakers? More precisely, who would you like us to try to invite to speak at the 2002 Convention? A Libertarian notable? A talk show host? An entertainer? A politician from another party? An author? An LP officeholder? The head of a think-tank, lobbying group, or educational foundation? In other words, what one individual would you be most eager to see as a guest speaker?

■ **Question: Who would you like to see as a guest speaker at the 2002 Convention? And what makes that person particularly interesting or compelling for Libertarians? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)**

■ **DEADLINE:** December 8, 2001

Dec. Question: Response to Terrorism?

On September 11, 2001, America was transfixed and horrified when terrorists hijacked four jetliners and smashed three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in a suicide attack. The final death toll will apparently number around 5,000. Even before the fires had subsided, there were demands for action: Increase airport security. Pass new "anti-terrorism" laws. Allow more wiretapping. Then, on the military front, President Bush launched an attack against Bin Laden's terrorist network and Afghanistan's Taliban government in early September. For Libertarians — who value peace, civil liberties, and limited government — the possibility of more surveillance and another war in a foreign nation are profoundly troubling. But are they necessary to protect the U.S. from remorseless suicidal killers?

■ **Question: From a Libertarian perspective, what should the United States do in reaction to the September 11 terrorist attacks? (Please keep answer to 100 words or less.)**

■ **DEADLINE:** November 8, 2001

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national self-interest. Allowing regimes that support terrorism to develop nuclear weapons is tantamount to committing national suicide. As the biographer of bin Laden recently said, "The only way to get along with this man is to go to another planet."

— **STEVE BRYANT**

Franklin, Tennessee

■ Disgusted by Peikoff

As a libertarian and a humanist, I was disgusted by the observation of Leonard Peikoff. He wrote: "The choice today is mass death in the United States or mass death in the terrorist nations."

Presumably he believes all the people of Afghanistan are "terrorists," and the country should be bombed until it becomes a "parking lot" (as one of my acquaintances has put it.).

Many Vietnam veterans believed they should "kill them all" (the Vietnamese) and let God worry about them afterward. These attitudes put too much responsibility on God and not enough on men. They are indefensible if one does not even believe in God.

I am shocked that LP News chose to publish them.

— **GREGORY STARK**

Rochester, New York

■ Collectivist illusion

Terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and World Trade Center have wounded and enraged our nation. We must now take special care to avoid compounding our own injury, by allowing our emotions to overcome our reason.

I am particularly sickened, disgusted, and infuriated by how many of my alleged fellow citizens — they do not deserve this honor — are eager to trade our common American birthright of individual rights and liberty for a fascist, collectivist illusion of security.

Those cowards who would even attempt such a trade are not just surrendering to terrorism, but allying themselves with it. Anyone who would infringe or destroy my rights and liberty is my sworn and bitter enemy. Patriotism, real patriotism, demands that all of us stand up against this latest assault upon our proud American Constitution, tradition and ideals.

Freedom never can be saved by destroying it.

— **MICHAEL J. ROLLINS**

North Providence, Rhode Island

■ Not the time

I must say that I was really turned off by some of the reactions of some Libertarians to the events of September 11th. I am referring specifically to David Nolan, Harry Browne, Sheldon Richman, and Jarret B. Wollstein, plus some com-

ments from others.

This is not the time to be criticizing past American foreign policy in my opinion. It's a time to express sorrow for the innocent victims killed by the terrorist attack (an act of war too) on September 11th and for their families, left behind. There is a time and a place for everything, you know.

The United States is a good nation, with principles. We don't kill civilians as a matter of policy. (Pilot error, hitting an incorrect target, is very lamentable, but a different case altogether.) Comparing what was done to the United States on September 11 to past American

To COMPARE

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foreign policy is wrong and frankly maddening. Today I took my Libertarian bumpersticker off of my car.

I realize that Jim Lark's reaction was the official Libertarian Party response to the tragic events of September 11th and not the statements by some of the people I criticized. Still, some of the statements left a very bad taste in my mouth.

— **PEDRO A. ROMANACH**

Miami, Florida

■ Police State?

Libertarians are discussing what sort of response to the terrorist attacks, if any, is "appropriate." Since an attack will happen anyway, and its details and form will not be dictated by a Libertarian

President and/or Congress, this is a moot point.

Some Libertarians are discussing how to best fight against losing freedom due to this tragedy. Since numerous freedoms have already been lost, particularly at airports and sports stadiums, this question, while relevant, looks merely at a symptom, not the cause.

The fact is, on September 11, 2001, America underwent a paradigm shift. Instead of the slow creeping of parasitic bureaucracy of the post-World War II era, we now have made a quantum leap towards a police state.

America is a darker, more totalitarian country today. A far less Libertarian country than it was before September 11, and that's saying something.

The question to ask is not what kind of military reaction if any should there be, nor how do we best fight against losing freedoms. The question is much graver, starker, and more frightening.

Are we finished?

I know that now more than ever America needs to end its Globocop approach to World Affairs, so that the seeds of more bin Ladens are not sown; that we need to reduce government, so we aren't such a big juicy target.

But Americans at large not only do not know this, they would find the idea even more ridiculous than they would have before September 11.

We, more than any other political entity in the U.S., have been jeopardized by this. This horror may well turn America away forever from its Libertarian roots.

We may cease to be because of this, and government will get bigger and bigger and bigger, until we are a Police State in every sense of the word.

— **JAY MCINTYRE**

Colmar, Pennsylvania

■ Use patriotic fervor

The constant showing of the flag, on television and elsewhere, has been a depressing reminder of the mindless nationalism that the

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— **Mark Cenci**
Maine Libertarian
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recent attacks have evoked.

Beneath this knee-jerk nationalism, however, is much genuine patriotism. There is still wide feeling that America is special because of its commitment to freedom. Bush and other commentators have even said that our freedom (and prosperity) are why the terrorists assaulted us.

If ever there was a good time to remind people, patriotically, of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, it is now. We might even find some media interest.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights have been on their deathbeds for a long time; the impulse to clamp down "against terrorism" could mean the end of much of our freedom, forever.

Using today's (short-lived, I suspect) patriotic fervor to educate people about what this country was founded to protect — human liberty — is one thing we can do for freedom that goes with the flow of things.

— GLEN ALLPORT
Williams, Oregon

■ Misquoted

I feel I have been misquoted in the October 2001 issue of the *LP News*. In the piece labeled "Cooler Heads," in the collection of Libertarian responses to the terrorist attacks, the edited version of my message reads more like a craven shrinking from our principles, as opposed to the call for focused action in the cause of Liberty as it was intended.

You quoted the part where I said it was appropriate to some large degree to set aside partisan concerns and support our President in this time of national crisis.

But you omitted my caution: Let us not use that as an excuse to condone an inappropriately violent response, nor to roll over while politicians continue to raise taxes and pass more restrictive laws.

You also quoted the part where I recommended that Libertarians show some sensitivity to their friends and neighbors in phrasing our long-standing policy of non-intervention. But you omitted my following call to action:

"Now, the real challenge for Libertarians is to stand firm against trading Liberty for some illusory sense of security. Fortunately, most of our politicians have claimed that Freedom will prevail against this

terror. Keep them to their rhetoric. Wherever possible, advocate peace and freedom over some knee-jerk reaction to tighten government controls."

What you printed under my name was not an accurate representation of my views.

— SEAN HAUGH
Executive Director,
North Carolina LP
Durham, North Carolina

■ Incur their wrath

Who are the terrorists and why do they hate us? What have we done to incur their wrath?

When we intervened in Vietnam both sides came to hate us. When we intervened in Kuwait the Arabs in other states besides Iraq came to hate us. And don't forget, we armed Iraq when we liked Iraq better than Iran. When we intervened in Kosovo we made more enemies. And in Kosovo it is now the Albanians who are committing atrocities against the Serbs.

Why do we intervene? Because

we hate to see genocide, aggression, injustice, etc. But we must realize we can't right all the wrongs of the world.

Far be it from me to want to reward terrorists but, if we are doing the wrong things we should stop doing them. And intervention in foreign disputes seems to be the wrong thing to do.

Of course I want to retaliate, but, unless we can assassinate just the terrorists, we will kill innocent people too. How about the innocent people who are dying in Iraq because of our embargo? How about

the innocent people in Cuba who are suffering because of that embargo? Hussein and Castro are living high off the hog and don't seem to care how much their people suffer. But I care. Don't you?

Both the Republicans and the Democrats advocate intervention. Some day the people may see the wisdom of the Libertarian position that we should avoid foreign entanglements.

— JAMES W. PHELPS
Aurora, Colorado

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■ Hopelessly naive

Christian Vosteen's assertion that if "we declare a foreign policy of peace, peace is what we will get in return" is hopelessly naive [The Forum, October 2001]. Determined pacifists, including President Woodrow Wilson and a majority in Congress, held this idealistic view during the First World War until the Zimmerman Telegram and U-Boat scourge exploded the view that peace takes only one to tango.

The comparison with neutral Switzerland is too often made; Switzerland is a small nation, possessing little, inside or outside its borders, that is enviable to potential antagonists. In contrast, great nations have great interests, many not of their own choosing.

Yes, we have engaged in overseas activities that should have been passed up (the Bay of Pigs, Somalia, Bosnia). Yes, George Washington's advice to avoid entangling alliances is still wise counsel.

But Pericles once said, "Just because you do not take an interest in politics, doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." His warning should apply to the international arena, too. Let's not kid ourselves that we can plunge our heads completely into the sand, or that a discontented world will happily let us do it.

— SHAWN RIFE
Lompoc, California

■ Odd emphasis

I found the emphasis in new LP Vice Chair Ken Bisson's closing comment in the article on the censure of Perry Willis very odd [October 2001].

He seems more exercised over those who "might make claims of further wrongdoing" but "who have now chosen to withhold any supporting evidence" during the period of the LNC's sort-of investigation than by those we know withheld evidence. Such people as Harry Browne, David Bergland, Michael Cloud, Sharon Ayres, and Jack Dean.

The LNC has no way to compel these people to talk, of course. One would have thought that compulsion shouldn't be necessary and that their own scruples as libertarians would have been enough.

But since their scruples didn't suffice, the LNC had one clear option which it didn't take, and I'd like to know why. If these individu-

als can't be bothered to tell what they know about a matter that goes to the very heart of the LP's integrity, the LNC should simply refuse to be associated with them until the cat gives them back their tongues. No selling of Mr. Bergland's book, no ads for Mr. Cloud's various campaigns, no editorial space in the *LP News* for Harry Browne's opinions.

It's nice to know Harry can find the typewriter when the topic is far enough from his own backyard — but there are no shortage of libertarians who can cobble a sentence together. Harry is free to publish his comments in other forums until such time as he stoops to tell the LNC and the rest of us what he knew about Willis' dishonesty. And likewise for the whole lot of them.

— TOM BRENNAN
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

■ No more Quiz?

Ghazey Aleck's column, "It's time for libertarians to grow up and be a 'big party,'" [The Forum, September 2001] was excellent.

But let's be blunt: acting like a political party also means no more testing of passers-by with the World's Smallest Political Quiz or Tax Day protests. Republicans and Democrats do nothing comparable.

The quiz is great and so is handing out Million Dollar Bills at post offices on April 15. But other organizations should do these things, not a political party.

So the question is, do members want such a dramatic transformation in the nature and activities of the Libertarian Party?

— PAT BONTEMPO
Asbury Park, New Jersey

■ Matching funds error

I believe Michael K. Barnett in his letter, "NYC matching funds" [September 2001], may be factually in error.

If [LP mayoral candidate] Kenny Kramer refuses to take matching funds, the money does not go back to the state or tax payers. It is instead added to the funds given to the rival candidates, the statists. Not taking matching funds doesn't reduce taxpayers' burden; it simply increases the amount available to our competition.

If one wants to oppose matching funds in a way that does not help the competition, what they should do is take the money and then donate it to charity. The publicity will be worth it, even if the state prosecutes you for violating some bizarre campaign law.

— AL ANDERS
Anchorage, Alaska

■ Two simple rules

I just wanted to let people know the only two simple rules I use to define the boundaries of freedom.

1. Do not encroach upon the rights or property of others.
2. Keep all contracts and agreements you enter into knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily.

These are the basic maxims of Common Law and the Constitution. If people would keep these rules in mind there would be less argument about which laws to support or oppose.

— CHRIS BOGAN
Homeplace, Indiana

■ Val Venis mistake

I am rather concerned that the *LP News* has so highly endorsed Val Venis, the controversial wrestling star [September 2001].

Yes, it is true that we have the right to be entertained, but with freedom comes responsibility and an obligation to be vigilant, especially toward shows which attract tomorrow's adults with such impressionable minds.

Yes, parents should monitor what their children watch, but the truth of the matter is that many of them don't. And even if they did, do we really want to send a strong message that these are the kinds of shows that Libertarians sanction?

I think we already turn many people off because they perceive us as a bunch of pistol-shooting, pot-smoking wackos. Is it wise to add more fuel to this kindling fire?

As far as the WWF's gripe regarding the "censorship" of their program, the Parent's Television Council is attempting to thwart the

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violent and sexual content of the WWF through persuasion of its sponsors — not government force. Isn't that the Libertarian way?

Let's rethink the way we are marketing ourselves. We've come too far to spoil it now.

— CONSTANCE J. CATALFIO
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

■ Val Venis empathy

I enjoyed the article about pro-wrestler Val Venis. I empathize with his struggle to learn and appreciate free market principles, and have finally come to the realization that voluntary relationships are not only practical, but necessary for civilized society.

It took me years to eliminate the forced-government approach to resolving problems in my thinking. The key is education. As Val Venis pointed out, government schools do not teach individuality; they only

teach conformity. True American history is non-existent in government schools.

The LP is the only major organization working to re-educate Americans about their roots, and in the 25 years I've been following the LP, I can see the incredible progress. LP ideas and programs are penetrating communities in America and around the world.

— JOHN R. BOYD
Reno, Nevada

■ No true libertarian

Hallelujah! It is about time someone pointed out that that phony Libertarian Bill Maher is no true libertarian [News Briefs, September 2001].

I've watched his program and antics, and it always amazed me that with his anti-gun ownership, anti-business, radical environmentalism and animal rights positions, his outspoken support of the socialist ideas of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, etc., how he could even dare to call himself a libertarian.

But then I seem to recall that Bill Clinton once referred to himself as a "libertarian" too — a perversion of the word on par with the old Communist totalitarian regimes describing themselves as "democratic."

Salon.com is to be commended for pointing out the plain truth — Bill Maher is definitely not a libertarian in any stretch of the term.

— WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER
Branford, Florida

Free trade vs. 'managed' trade

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hard for such privileges, so their industries are insulated from competition and their prices (and wages) are kept high.

Related to such protectionist measures are anti-dumping laws. These laws are intended to prevent foreign companies from selling goods in America "below cost" and bankrupting American firms.

However, once again, it's Americans consumers who pay. A recent study in the *Journal of International Economics* put the cost of U.S. anti-dumping actions at \$4 billion a year to consumers in the form of higher prices. By 2005, anti-dumping laws will cost the U.S. more than any other kind of import protection.

Clearly, trade protectionism is a losing proposition for almost every Americans — regardless of whether foreign countries keep their barriers intact.

■ Ignore the "Trade Deficit."

Some people believe that free trade among nations is indeed preferable, but only if all nations eliminate import barriers simultaneously — so Nation A and Nation B buy and

CLEARLY, TRADE protectionism is a losing proposition for Americans, re- gardless of whether other countries keep their barriers

sell an equal number of goods among themselves.

But as Economist Walter Williams states, this is akin to saying that it is unfair for you to buy more from your grocer than he buys from you.

It doesn't matter a whit whether America buys more goods from other nations than they buy from us. If Americans value whatever goods we purchase more than the dollars we are spending, we benefit from the transaction.

And don't believe the myth that the "trade deficit" costs U.S. jobs either. In fact industrial pro-

duction in the U.S. grew 24% between 1992 and 1997 — the same time the U.S. trade deficit was increasing from \$39 billion to \$114 billion.

What about the politicians and special-interest leaders who frequently call for "fair trade" instead of "free trade?"

The proper response should be: Who decides what's "fair?"

Biggest proponents

Libertarians are the biggest proponents of fair trade — we just believe that each American should be able to decide for him or herself what is "fair" when making purchasing decisions.

Those trades that are deemed to be "unfair" by one of the parties involved would never take place. We don't need a government bureaucrat to decide for us.

Prior to leaving the presidency, Thomas Jefferson gave America advice: "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

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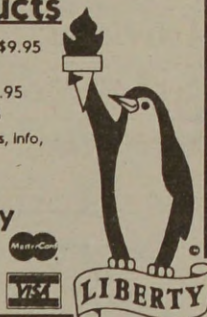
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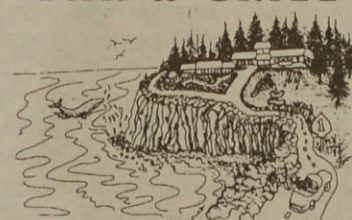
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— DAVID PIERRE, *Silver City Sun-News* (NM), August 28, 2001

"It's hard not to like the libertarians, even though they seem a bit revolutionary. They don't like government, or at least don't like its tentacles creeping into every part of their lives. Their lean and mean government philosophy makes some sense. They seem to know a lot about government for people who don't like government."
— MIKE CASON, *Montgomery Advertiser* (AL), August 19, 2001